

The culmination of our course work will result in the defense of our digital portfolio. *Digital Portfolio* was the course that instructed us as to how to put this portfolio together. Dr. Ianni guided us as we organized the set of documents from our coursework. The purpose of the portfolio is to show the progress throughout our time in the doctoral program. He introduced us to the five different folios and the components of each. After deciding upon a host site, we were to choose a metaphor. The metaphor serves as a reflection of the students' individual learning style. The metaphor represents the students' journey toward fulfilling the requirements of the St. John's Doctoral Program which is a scholarly, meaningful, dissertation that has a positive impact in education.

Throughout the course, Dr. Ianni provided insights for the development of the skeleton of the website and he modeled how to organize this framework into a cohesive display of artifacts. The digital portfolio serves as a placeholder, not only to document the knowledge and expertise gained from the St. John's Doctoral Program, but having time for collaboration with colleagues in website design will no doubt strengthen skills and competencies in our work as instructional leaders.

The five folios included in the Digital Portfolio are as follows:

- Personal Folio- this folio conveys students' passions, interests, and provides a glimpse into family, friends, and colleagues. Sharing these personal reflections offers professors and colleagues a chance to appreciate students' personal journeys and commitment to instructional leadership.
- Professional Folio- this folio characterizes students' careers as professional educators and their aspirations, hopes, and dreams for future leadership positions. This folio

highlights students' careers as teachers, principals, assistant principals, supervisors, and/or instructional leaders which provides a snapshot of each students' distinctive accomplishments.

- Learner Folio- this folio documents all of the course materials, presentations, research papers, journal articles, and resources provided in each doctoral course. Additionally, this folio includes a course synthesis which includes the learners' reflections, interpretations, and applications of his/her learning.
- Expert Folio- this folio highlights the essential skills, competencies, and knowledge and learners' reflections on significant contributions to the field of educational leadership and accountability. The expert folio enables students to declare their vision for future leadership possibilities.
- Scholar Folio- the scholar clarifies an urgent problem in education and methodologies to explore possible solutions. This folio invites learner to commit themselves to research solutions and offer conclusions and recommendations for future research; the culmination of which is the Dissertation Study.