## Common sense talk

"Most teachers have little control over school policy or curriculum or choice of texts or special placement of students, but most have a great deal of autonomy inside the classroom. To a degree shared by only a few other occupations, such as police work, public education rests precariously on the skill and virtue of the people at the bottom of the institutional pyramid."

Tracy Kidder

"Take away my people, but leave my factories, and soon grass will grow on the factory floors. Take away my factories, but leave my people, and soon we will have a new and better factory."

Andrew Carnegie

"Remember that happiness is a way of travel, not a destination."

Roy Goodman

"Simplicity is the outward sign and symbol of depth of thought."

Lin Yutang

"The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor."

Vince Lombardi

"Socialism failed because it couldn't tell the economic truth; capitalism may fail because it couldn't tell the ecological truth."

Lester Brown

"The ultimate leader is one who is willing to develop people to the point that they eventually surpass him or her in knowledge and ability."

Fred A. Manske, Jr.

"If you can't sleep, then get up and do something instead of lying there and worrying. It's the worry that gets you, not the loss of sleep."

Dale Carnegie

"The first step to fixing America's image problem will be for Washington to acknowledge that, despite its power, the United States is not invulnerable. If it's going to thrive in today's interconnected world, it needs new habits of cooperation based on a healthy respect for the interests of everyone else."

Kishore Mahbubani

There is a boundary to men's passions when they act from feelings; but none when they are under the influence of imagination.

Edmund Burke