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REFLECTION:

Course Description

"This course focuses on using technology to make data driven decisions for effective school leadership. It explores the role of data in making effective instructional, financial, and administrative decisions in schools. Development and application of data-management and data-driven decision making processes are emphasized. Current research on technology in educational settings is critically examined."

The course description for EDU 7801 was one of many in the SJU Ed.D program that challenged (and terrified) me. In my house we are deeply and strongly divided into the engineers/science/mathematicians and the English teachers/social science/psychologists camps. Many a family conversation muddled through the collision of these "soft" vs. "hard" science.

My sanity led me to compartmentalize. I'd stay on my qualitative side of the fence and, if and when I needed help with quantitative issues, I could sneak to the enemy camp and beg for help. In fact, I actually went to my youngest daughter and begged her help with designing this portfolio. Thankfully, I somehow raised her to be less enabling than I and she forced me to do the work myself, making herself available as a tutor only. I grumbled a lot during the process, but s I sit here now, finishing it up without needing to ask for assistance, I am happy that I struggled through it and actually learned something.

That I have now begun (voluntarily) designing a website for my ESY program, is nothing short of miraculous!