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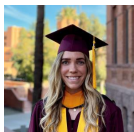
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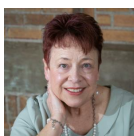
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Ella Wright is a communications enthusiast and lifelong learner of all things leadership and interpersonal connections. She strives to bring curiosity and compassion to all areas of her work and life. She works full time as a leader in talent & leadership programs for a Fortune 500 company where she oversees programmatic learning and structure for a network of diverse leaders. In addition to this, she hosts her own podcast, "Start the Conversation" where she dives beyond typical advice and breaks down strategies and stories to bring new perspectives and understanding to difficult conversations. Ella brings her own experience from several years in leadership, an undergrad in Communications St

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Maria was born at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. Her father was in the Air Force for 20 years. At age 12, she moved to Okinawa, Japan for three years. As a family she loved it! Her Junior High was an old WW2 prison camp with barbed wire all around! There were even guards at the gate of the school carrying guns. A week shy of 18, she married Jack Hurd. They have now been married 50 years! When she was 24, Jack, Maria, and their 3-year-old daughter lived in the Philippines for 10 months. At the age of 25 she had emergency surgery for an ectopic pregnancy on Christmas Eve. And at the age of 34 she graduated from college and became an RN and worked for 18 years in the state of Colorado. She has be

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