

IMAGINING GSSM'S FUTURE TOGETHER

**Hector Flores
Opening Meeting for Faculty and Staff
August 8, 2016**



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“Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?,” asked Alice.
“That depends a good deal on where you want to go,” said the Cat.
“I don’t care much where,” said Alice.
“Then it doesn’t matter which way you go,” said the Cat.
“So long as I get somewhere,” Alice added as an explanation.
“Oh, you’re sure to do that,” said the Cat, “if only you walk long enough.”

Lewis Carroll, *Alice in Wonderland*



GSSM HAS INDEED BEEN WALKING:

First class at full capacity graduated Spring 2016

Accelerate program graduated its first class Spring 2016

Summer science camps have continued to expand

Visit from Clemson Administrators and faculty in Fall 2016

**INSIDE GSSM OPEN HOUSE PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 25,
2017**

**GSSM foundation is piloting a new partnership with City of
Hartsville**





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GSSM FOUNDATION'S
INNOVATION CENTER



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AS WE GROW TOWARDS MIDDLE AGE (30 in 2018), IT IS PERHAPS TIME TO INTEGRATE OUR WALKING, TOGETHER...

AT 288, GSSM STUDENT BODY IS MUCH DIFFERENT

NO LONGER ONLY GAME IN TOWN

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL LANDSCAPE CONTINUES TO CHANGE

GENERATIONAL CHANGE IN EXPECTATIONS

RE ALIGNMENT WITH STUDENT AND PARENT EXPECTATIONS

ARE WE WELL KNOWN AND RECOGNIZED IN ACCORDANCE TO OUR LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE?



IT IS TIMELY TO RE-IMAGINE AND POSITION GSSM FOR GREATER EXCELLENCE AND NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION, CAPITALIZING ON:

COMMITMENT TO STUDENT-CENTERED EXCELLENCE

RELIANCE ON DATA-DRIVEN PROCESSES

PEER AND ASPIRATIONAL BENCHMARKING

INCLUSIVE, APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY



GSSM MISSION:

- **GSSM is an educational leader enabling and nurturing future STEM leaders for South Carolina and beyond**

GSSM VISION:

- **To learn, to change, to share, to innovate, to inspire, to lead**

GSSM VALUES:

- **Building character through the purposeful integration of the moral and intellectual virtues within a community of learners**



GSSM Intellectual and Character Values:

Integrity in academics and life

Love of learning

Practical wisdom

Courage to seek and accept challenges

Humility to seek help

Compassion to help others

Generosity with your gifts



CIVITAS

Intellectual virtues, R.C. Roberts and W. J Wood (2007)



GSSM Strategic Planning Committee

Jon Shannon (co-chair, ELT)

John Barnes (co-chair, BOT)

Elizabeth Bunn (faculty)

Adam Houle (faculty)

Roy Flannagan (faculty)

Timothy Staples (staff)

Randy LaCross (ELT)

Jerome Reyes (staff/faculty)

Susan Bali (parent)

Kim Bowman (GSSM Foundation)

Chris Permenter (Foundation board member, alum)

Jack Sanders (GSSM BOT)

Hector Flores and Leroy Davis, ex-Officio



GSSM Strategic Plan Themes:

Student-Centered Excellence - an integrated curricular and co-curricular experience equal to none.

Co-chairs: Jennifer Brown and Lisa Cote

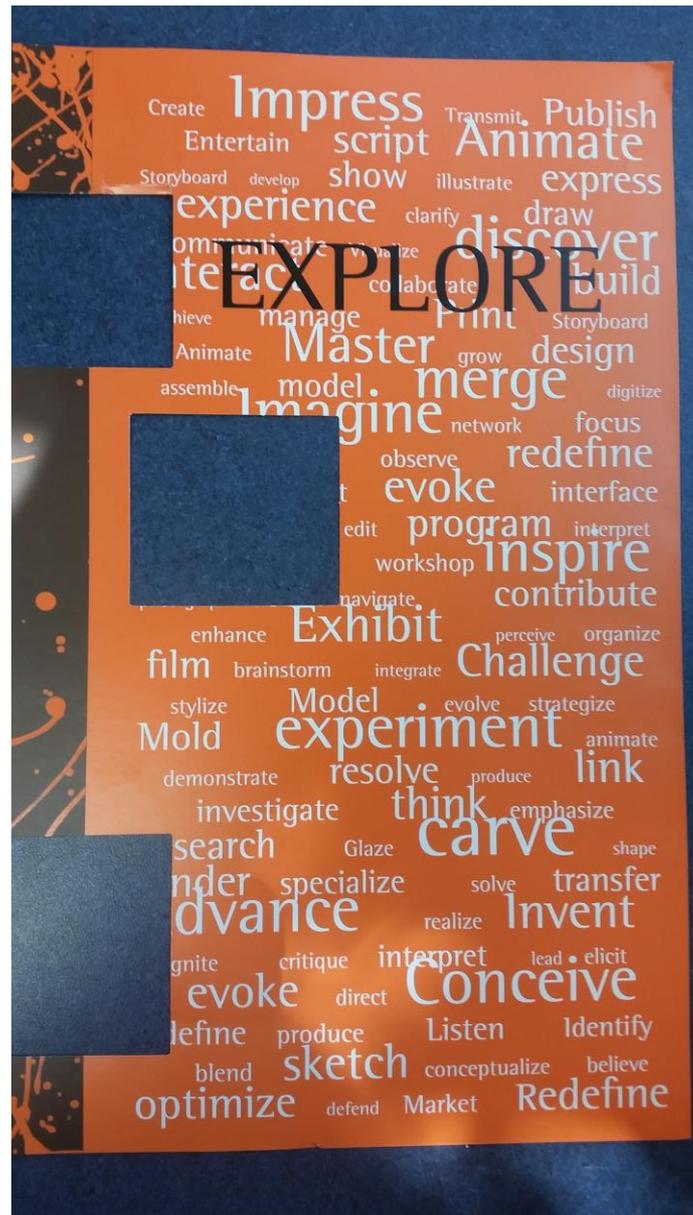
Student Success - integrity and excellence in the pursuit of personal and professional goals and community engagement and citizenship.

Co-chairs: Emilye Mobley, TBA

Have the academic experiences and personal growth opportunities brought a sizable measure of joy into student lives?



THINK BIG!!!



GSSM Strategic Plan Themes (continued):

Partnerships - Enable student excellence and success through sustainable collaborations with the school system, profit and non-profit sectors, global partnerships, and the local/state and national community.

Co-chairs: Brian Gloor and Josh Witten

Stewardship - Responsible management, growth and accountability for resources to support the GSSM mission, building a diversified portfolio of development and fund raising.

Co-chairs: Ernie Boyd, TBA

Innovation and National/Global Impact/Recognition - Lead by example and by action in the design of transformative educational curricula, community engagement and entrepreneurship.

Co-chairs: Chris Przirembel, TBA

**I dwell in Possibility –
A fairer House than Prose –
More numerous of Windows –
Superior – for Doors –**

**Of Chambers as the Cedars –
Impregnable of eye –
And for an everlasting Roof
The Gambrels of the Sky –**

**Of Visitors – the fairest –
For Occupation – This –
The spreading wide my narrow
Hands**

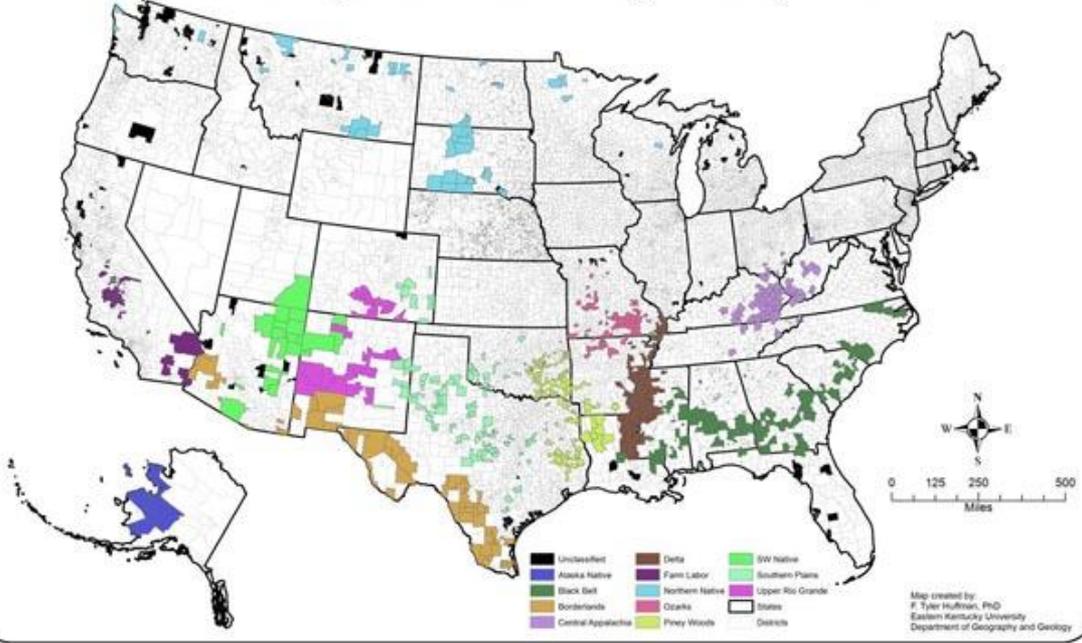
To gather Paradise –

Emily Dickinson



POSSIBILITY AND OPPORTUNITY

Rural 900 Regional Clusters of High Poverty Districts



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