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The Gordon State College Ethos



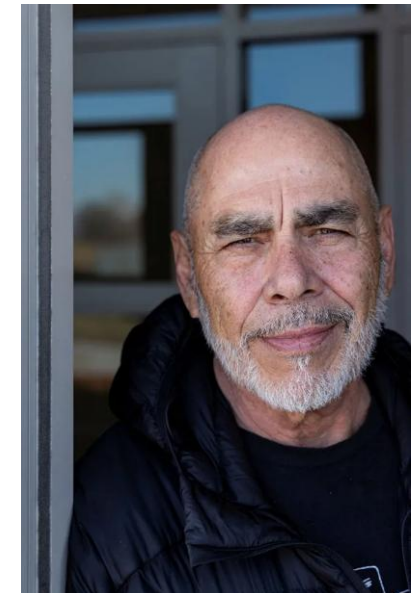
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The Power of Faculty Purpose

The poet Jimmy Santiago Baca captures a central theme of education: "If you don't use just basic grammar, if you don't get the language down, you're not going to have access to a tool that people use as a weapon against you. The only reason I was never taught to read and write was because it was easier for them to lead me. But the second I learned to read and write, I began to lead myself."



Our Why

This is our why. We want to create the leaders—the knowledge producers—that will solve problems. We are passionate about what we do.

That's our edge. That's our difference. That's why we work hard to change individual lives, but that work also shifts the vector of future generations.



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Relational Pedagogy

We believe that our connections with each other strengthen learning. We foster effective teaching by founding our pedagogy on empathy, trust, and respect. We believe that positive and meaningful relationships spark and sustain growth. We are here to change lives and empower you to change the lives of our students.



Vision

Gordon State College will create a vibrant community that nurtures academic and personal growth, inspiring students to serve as leaders in both the surrounding community and in the world beyond.



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Mission

Gordon State College strives to provide a nurturing learning environment where students can grow academically and personally, preparing them for success in life and for making positive contributions to regional workforce needs.



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Core Values

- Commitment to Excellence - Prioritize high standards in all endeavors, striving for distinction in education, research, and community engagement.
- Student Success - Focus on enhancing the regional workforce by effectively preparing students for successful careers, thereby ensuring a substantial return on their educational investment.



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Core Values

- Innovation and Creativity - Encourage creative thinking and innovative solutions, driving progress and adapting to the evolving needs of our society and the wider world.
- Belonging - Embrace and celebrate multiple perspectives, fostering an environment that enriches learning and promotes respect and understanding.



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Why Is All of This Important?

Businesses and other organizations hire college graduates to solve problems. College students make a successful transition from being knowledge consumers to knowledge producers.

That's the difference. Gordon State college graduates learn not only what to do. They also learn how to *figure out* what to do.



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Questions?

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