

Academic Affairs
2018







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A Message from the President.....





On the Grow. We Are Grambling.

It is an exciting time to be a part of Grambling State University. Enrollment is on the grow, building and infrastructure updates are underway, and we are excited about the historic program development happening as a result of the hard work of faculty, students, alumni, and staff.

From the much-anticipated success of our upcoming nursing cohort to the increase in degree concentrations and partnerships, the Grambling legacy continues to shine as an academic light to our state, nation, and countries across the world.

That light is continuously carried and grown by the educators and students who help make our institution great. This year they have presented at refereed conferences nationally and internationally. They have also produced scholarly and grant-seeking work that has resulted in one of the biggest increases in grants and scholarships in our school's history. They have taken new tools, like smart boards and updated technology centers, and turned them into success that will benefit us for generations.

As a team, we remain dedicated to continuing this success and ensuring our students are well prepared to enter and thrive in the workforce and as academic leaders. That dedication demands that we not only remain grateful for all of the support we receive, it also requires that we maximize every opportunity to stay at the forefront of teaching, research, and serving our community.

Let us continue to build on this strong and rich legacy as educators and nurturers. Together, we can firmly cement our institution as a cutting-edge leader in research and innovation excellence.

We can because we are Grambling.

Richard J. "Rick" Gallot, Jr., JD

President

A Message ... from the Provost & Vice President





At Grambling State University, we are committed to preparing our students to become productive citizens in an ever-changing society. Our rich and storied history continues to serve as our foundation. We embrace a culture that promotes excellence, leadership, diversity, and creativity. As we prepare our students and serve the needs of the community, our goal is to add value to lives through teaching, research, and service.

This is an exciting time in the history of Grambling State University, "the place where everybody is somebody." We are positioned for academic excellence as we champion the concept that "teamwork makes the dream work." And our current and future students further strengthen our mission and tell our story. Grambling State University continues its dedication to the academic integrity of our degree programs. Our focus on retention, learning, service, accountability, graduation, and faculty development form the core of our motivation to lift the masses through education.

As Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, I am privileged to oversee an amazing division that offers degree programs led by faculty members from some of the most outstanding higher education institutions in the world. Our enrollment management, institutional effectiveness and university college teams work in concert with the academic departments to ensure the success of our students. We are one united with purpose and a passion to impart knowledge and promote discovery to those who desire to embark upon the journey.

We take pride in the accomplishments of our faculty, staff, students, and alums. It is an honor to share this snapshot report with you.

We Are One.

Ellen D. Smiley, Ed.D.

Ellen D. Smiley

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

GSU Profile

(as of Fall 2017)

Established

1901

Faculty

208 (F/T Teaching, Administrative, Library & Military Science Faculty)

Enrollment

5,188 (4076 undergraduates; 1112 graduates)

Entering Freshman Class

922

Total Degrees/Certificates Awarded

44,574



Geographic Diversity of Student Body 40 states and 25 countries

Level of geographic diversity above the national average -College Factual

Accreditation

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)

Campus Size 590 acres

Athletics

15NCAA Division I Varsity Sports in the Southwestern Athletic Conference

Undergraduate Tuition and Fees

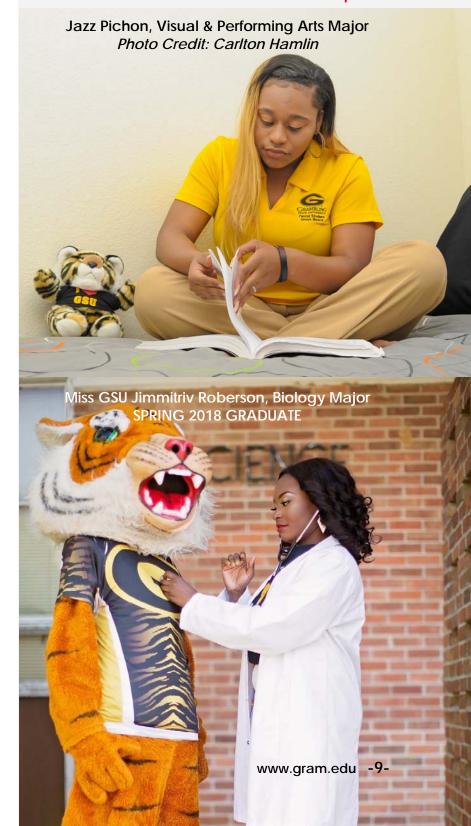
Traditional ← Tiger Village (In-State Students) \$7,916.50 - \$9,466.50

Undergraduate Tuition and Fees

Traditional ← Tiger Village (Out-of-State Students) \$12,428.00 - \$13,978.00

Student Life

59 Student organizations17 Residence halls9 Greek-letter organizations12 Intramural and club sports



Jada Johnson, Biology Major **SPRING 2018 GRADUATE** Photo credit: Dalvin Adams

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Mission

The mission of the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is to ensure the delivery of quality degree programs that provide students with knowledge, skills, and competencies to prepare them for success in their chosen careers, motivate them to pursue graduate and advanced study, and equip them for meaningful interaction with diverse groups of people.

The Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is committed to providing faculty with opportunities and activities that enhance teaching, foster involvement in research and other scholarly endeavors, and promote participation in university and community services.

Grambling State University combines the academic strengths of a major university with the benefits of a small college, a combination that enables our students to grow and learn in a serene and positive environment. We offer more than forty (40) undergraduate and graduate degree and certificate programs through four colleges, including two professional schools and a graduate school.



Student-to-faculty ratio: 20:1

Undergraduate Majors

26

Undergraduate Minors

25

Graduate Majors

13

Number of Courses Offered

916

Undergraduate Average Class Size

26

Graduate
Average Class Size

18

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES WE OFFER

National, regional, and local employers recruit graduates from Grambling's excellent programs in social work, computer science, teacher education, the arts, and other academic areas.

DEGREES/CERTIFICATES	Majors		
BS	Accounting		
BS	Biology		
BS	Chemistry		
BS	Child Development & Early Literacy		
BS	Computer Information Systems		
BS	Computer Science		
BS and MS	Criminal Justice		
MEd	Curriculum and Instruction		
MS, PMC, and EdD	Developmental Education		
BS and MAT	Elementary Ed & Spec Ed M/M Gr 1-5		
BS	Elementary Education, Grades 1-5		
BS	Engineering Technology		
ВА	English (General)		
BGS	General Studies		
ВА	History		
BS	Kinesiology		
BS	Leisure Studies		
BS	Management		
BS	Marketing		
BA, MA	Mass Communication		
BS	Mathematics and Physics		
BA	Music		
BSN, MSN, and PMC	Nursing/ Family Nurse Practitioner		
BA	Psychology (General)		
MPA	Public Administration		
MAT	Secondary Ed & Spec Ed M/M Gr 6-12		
BS	Secondary Education and Teaching		
MA	Social Sciences		
BSW and MSW	Social Work		
BA	Sociology		
MEd	Special Education		
MS	Sports Administration		
BA	Visual and Performing Arts		



Jodeen Shillingford Valedictorian Spring 2018

B.S. in Accounting B.S. in Computer Information Systems

3.90-4.00 GPA Summa Cum Laude

Magna Cum Laude

3.70-3.89 GPA

 $22\,$ Cum Laude

3.50-3.69 GPA



Strategies to Grow Enrollment and Degrees

WISE Scholarships

As part of the Grambling State University Workforce and Innovation for a Stronger Economy (WISE) Initiative, nineteen (19) scholarship awards were presented to students majoring in Computer Science, Engineering Technology, Accounting, and Computer Information Systems. The focus of the WISE Initiative is to increase enrollment in these high-demand areas and to ensure that high-quality graduates transition effectively into the Louisiana workforce. The scholarship is awarded to incoming freshmen, continuing students, and graduating seniors who have a 3.0 or higher grade point average and evidence of service-learning, community service and/or successful completion of an internship.

Workforce and Innovation for a Stronger Economy (WISE) Scholarship Recipients

ALICKSON ALEXANDER **DWIGHT ANDERSON** TRACEY BROWN ALICIAN CLARK LALA COULIBALY **DEMARION CRAYTON** MICHAEL HENDRIX JA'QUALAN KEAL CAITLIN MCDOWELL MAIA MOORF ARI ANDA NUNSFTT LA' TERIOUS POUNCY **ZAINAB RAJI** JODEEN SHILLINGFORD PRENTISS SMILEY KENISHA WARRINGTON TRACEY WARRINGTON DARNEL WILLIAMS

JAHMAI WILLIAMS

LED-CIS Scholars Program

The Grambling State University cooperative endeavor with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development serves to increase the number of graduates in Computer Science and Computer Information Systems. The following students participate in the LED-Computer Information Systems (CIS) Scholars Program. These students receive academic stipends and serve as peer tutors.

LED-Computer Information Systems (CIS) Scholars

NATHALIE ALFRED SREY BRUNEY CHELSI FLORANT

DEVIN JONES MAURICE LANDRUM CAITLIN MCDOWELL

LA'TERIOUS POUNCEY FARON RUSH PRENTISS SMILEY

ALISHA THOMAS NIKITA VENZANDT TRACEY WARRINGTON

Academic Units

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Biological Sciences Department

Chemistry Department

Computer Science Department

Engineering Technology Department

English and Foreign Languages Department

Family and Consumer Sciences Department

History Department

Mathematics and Physics Department

Music Department

Political Science & Public Administration Department

Sociology/Psychology Department

Visual and Performing Arts Department

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Accounting & Information Systems Department Management and Marketing Department

College of Educational and Graduate Studies

Curriculum & Instruction and Educational Leadership Department Kinesiology, Sport and Leisure Studies Department School of Graduate Studies

College of Professional Studies

Criminal Justice Department Mass Communication Department School of Nursing School of Social Work

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Assessment and Accreditation (Institutional Planning and Effectiveness)

Band Department

Continuing Education and Service-Learning

Digital Library and Learning Commons

Distance Learning

Earl Lester Cole Honors College

Enrollment Management (Admissions, Financial Aid, Registrar, Testing Center)

Military Science/Army ROTC

Orchestra

University Choir

University College



Supporting Scholarly Endeavors of the Academy

In order to maximize opportunities for continued professional development and the academic advancement of the institution, GSU faculty and academic staff attend regional, national and international meetings and conferences. Some are listed below.

AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting (Honolulu, Hawaii) Dr. Augustine Dzathor, Associate Professor of Management

American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference (Denver, Colorado) Dr. Nasir Ahmed, Professor of Public Administration

Cybersecurity Conference and Expo (Washington, DC) Dr. Jaruwan Mesit, Associate Professor of Computer Science

Ellucian Live Conference (San Diego, California) Shalena Johnson, Coordinator of Assessment

Gulf Coast Therapeutic Recreation Symposium (Hattiesburg, Mississippi) Yvonne Calvin, Assistant Professor of Leisure Studies

International Round Table Symposium (Oxford, England) Dr. Mary Ghongkedze, Assistant Professor of **Fducation**

National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Conference (Houston, Texas) Dr. Tazinski Lee, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

National Association of Schools of Theatre (Henderson, Nevada) Karl Norman, Interim Coordinator of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts

National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP) and Gear Up Capacity-Building Workshop (Las Vegas, Nevada) Dr. Loretta Jaggers, Professor of Education

National Organization of Nurse **Practitioner Faculties Annual** Conference (Indianapolis, Indiana) Dr. Naomi Smith, Assistant Professor of **Nursing**

Ruffalo Noel-Levitz National Retention Conference (Orlando, Florida) Latotsha Britt, Director of the University College



Prentiss Smiley, Valedictorian Fall 2017

Summa Cum Laude

7 Magna
Cum
Laude

 $26^{_{\tiny 3.50\text{-}3.69\,\text{GPA}}}\text{Cum Laude}$



Enhancing STEM Education

Some of the accomplishments of the academic year in science, technology, engineering and mathematics include:

Grambling State University received its third cycle of grant funding from the National Science Foundation in the amount of \$2.2 million to produce more undergraduates pursuing degrees in STEM, particularly in the fields of math, physics and data analytics.

A 4-day Big Data Science Camp provided high school students with opportunities to analyze data relevant professional careers in music, athletics, business, the military, science, and more.

Engineering Technology faculty and students attended the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) National Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the Associated General Contractors of America Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

A project proposal entitled, "Mechanisms underlying nonalcoholic fatty liver disease," and written by Dr. Paul Kim, the Ernest E. Just Endowed Professor in Biology, was funded by the Louisiana Biomedical Research Network in the amount of \$300,000.

Dr. Naidu Seetala, the Edward
Bouchet Endowed Professor in
Physics, was invited to present in
Paris, France, at the Twenty-Sixth
Annual International Conference on
Composites/Nano Engineering and
THERMEC 2018, the 10th International
Conference on Processing &
Manufacturing of Advanced
Materials Processing, Fabrication,
Properties, Applications.

Dr. Waneene Dorsey, Professor of Biology, was awarded a \$328,000 grant from Louisiana Biomedical Research Network to support cancer research, specifically, the "Role of Autophagy in Mammalian Cells Exposed to Pentachlorophenol."

Grambling State University has received initial approval of an articulation agreement with Logan University to establish a 3 + 3 program in which GSU students earn the BS and the Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) degree in 7 years.

Campers learned the basics of electrical circuits and computer science, how to leverage programming, and put to work and present their learning using robotics at the summer Robotics and Coding Camp for youth.

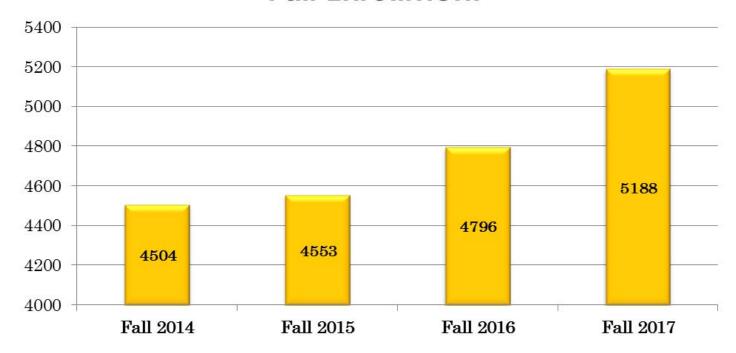


Third Consecutive Record Enrollment

Grambling State University continues a growth pattern in its enrollment, setting a fall enrollment record for the third consecutive year with 5,188 students enrolled for Fall 2017. Increasingly, students are selecting GSU for the academic programs and student life we have to offer.

Included in the totals are 4076 undergraduate and 1112 graduate students, representing 40 states and 25 countries.

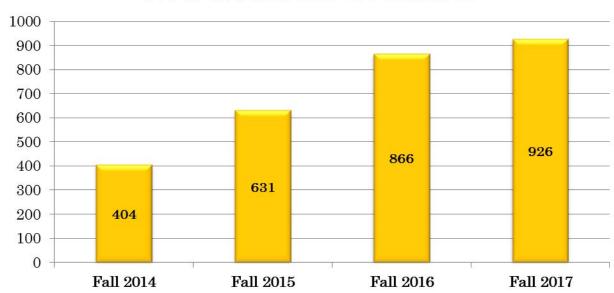
Fall Enrollment





There were 926 new freshmen at GSU for Fall 2017, a 6.68 percent increase from the previous fall semester.

New Freshman Enrollment



Academic Partnerships

Some of the institutions, organizations and agencies in which Grambling State University partnered during 2017-2018 to enhance its academic programs include:

Louisiana Delta Community College

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) established a 2+2 agreement with the GSU Department of Family and Consumer Sciences and Delta's School of Liberal Arts and Business Technology, and allows Delta students earning the AAS degree in Care & Development of Young Children to transfer earned credit hours toward requirements needed to complete the BS in Child Development & Early Literacy at GSU.

Logan University Initial approval to establish a 3+3 Articulation Agreement with Logan University, located in Chesterfield, Missouri, has been granted by the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors to provide GSU students with an opportunity to earn the BS degree in Biology and the Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) degree in seven years.

Meharry Medical College The existing MOU with Meharry Medical College (MCC), located in Nashville, Tennessee, was renewed and serves to increase

the number of African American physicians through the GSU-MMC BS/MD program. 18 GSU students participated in summer internships at MMC during summer 2017 and 2018.

Society for Financial Education and Professional Development, Inc. This MOU serves to establish a Student Ambassador Program with the GSU College of Business. The primary goal is to infuse financial literacy training into the education of college students, empower students to be able to make sound financial decisions during school and after graduation, and to increase college/university retention and graduation rates.

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) The MOU with the EPA will provide experiential learning opportunities via the College Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP). The program will foster student recruitment and internships, develop joint projects between EPA and GSU STEM and social science faculty, and promote community development and engagement opportunities for GSU students.





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Student Engagement and High-Impact Practices

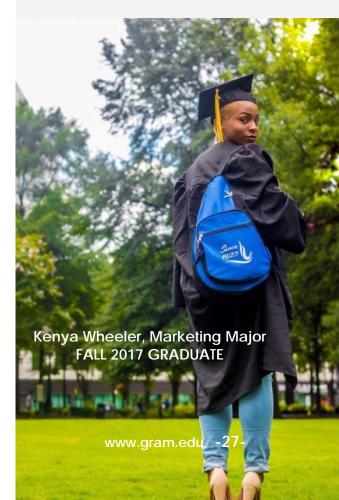
Results from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) help to confirm the value of a Grambling State University education. In several engagement and high-impact practice indicators, GSU scored well above regional peer institutions.

	HIGH-IMPACT INDICATORS	GSU	Southeast Public Institutions		
Service-Learning (1st Year Students)		81%	51%		
Service-Learning (Seniors)		85%	59%		
	ENGAGEMENT INDICATORS	GSU	Southeast Public Institutions		
Student-Faculty Interaction (1st Year Students)					
\Rightarrow	Talked about career plans with a faculty member	51%	37%		
\Rightarrow	Worked with faculty on activities other than coursework	29%	21%		
\Rightarrow	Discussed course topics, ideas or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	33%	25%		
\Rightarrow	Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	48%	30%		
Student-Faculty Interaction (Seniors)					
\Rightarrow	Talked about career plans with a faculty member	65%	44%		
\Rightarrow	Worked with faculty on activities other than coursework	49%	28%		
\Rightarrow	Discussed course topics, ideas or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	40%	33%		
\Rightarrow	Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	58%	35%		

Southeast Public Institutions comparison group includes 111 institutions from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

What is NSSE?

The NSSE collects information from 1st year and senior students about the characteristics and quality of their undergraduate experience. The results provide an estimate of how undergraduate students spend their time and what is gained from attending an institution of higher learning.





GSU Hosts Renowned Speakers and Guests

James T. Campbell, Senior manager of Communication and Media for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas

Ronald E. Childs, GSU alumnus and award-winning journalist and senior media strategist with Burrell Communications Group

Dr. Nicole Cross, News Anchor and Health Correspondent KVUE-TV (Austin, Texas)

Dr. Elizabeth Disbrow, Associate Professor of the Department of Neurology, LA Health Sciences Center

Stephanie Finley, GSU alumna and former U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana and Lieutenant Colonel United States Air Force, Retired

Dr. Frederick Douglass Haynes, III,Social activist, orator, educator and senior pastor at Friendship-West Church in Dallas, Texas

Dr. Shahram Latifi, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Co-Director of the Center for Information Technology and Algorithms at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Cynthia Marshall, Former AT&T Executive and CEO of the Dallas Mavericks

Dr. Saundra Y. McGuire, Director Emerita of the LSU Center for Academic Success and Retired Assistant Vice Chancellor and Professor of Chemistry

April D. Ryan, Veteran journalist and White House Correspondent for American Urban Radio Networks (AURN)

Dr. Nicholas R. Sandoval, Assistant Professor of the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Tulane University

Dr. Mark Taylor, President of Taylor Programs and award-winning speaker recognized internationally as an educator, expert and consultant on the forefront of transformations in educational practice and workplace management

Judge Lynn Toler, Host of the television court program "Divorce Court"

Everson Walls, GSU alumnus and former NFL player with the Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants, and the Cleveland Browns



Distinguished Faculty and Students

Our talented Grambling State faculty and students are set apart by the many contributions and accomplishments made throughout the academic year. Some are highlighted below.

Mass Communication graduate student **Tayler Davis** was one of two winners of the Thomson Reuters/White House Correspondents' Association Trust in Reporting Scholarships. Ms. Davis received an invitation and attended this year's White House Correspondents Dinner.

Dr. Joseph Henry, the Conrad Hutchinson Endowed Professor of Music, traveled to England with St. Mark's Cathedral Choir of Shreveport to give concerts and to provide music for liturgies at important Anglican churches. These prestigious venues included Great St. Mary's Church in Cambridge, and both Guildford Cathedral and Salisbury Cathedral in London.

Grambling students Keyara Bowser, Roynisha James, Chello Middleton, Aubreion Bobb and Dr. Mary Ghongkedze, MEI Faculty Sponsor, participated in the NASA Minority University Research and Educator program (MUREP) and Minority Educator Institute (MEI) for preservice teachers and faculty sponsors from Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) in an effort to contribute to improving K-12 STEM education. The MEI Institute was held at the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi.

Dr. James Clawson, the Ann Petry Endowed Professor of English, attended the Annual Digital Humanities Summer Institute at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. The institute focuses on new computing technologies and how they are influencing teaching, research, dissemination, creation, and preservation in different disciplines, via a community-based approach.

Music (vocal) and Visual and Performing Arts (theatre) major and two-term Student Government Association (SGA) President Adarian Williams landed two summer internships on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, with Majority Whip Steve Scalise and U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy of Louisiana.

Continuing Education and Service-Learning (CESL)

This year's summer camps offered by CESL are getting a new twist at Grambling State. Our growing list of summer camps and learning opportunities for ages 4 & up includes:

Introduction to Embedded Computing & the Internet of Things (IOT) Camp participants learn about embedded computers and how the IOT powers almost all of our world, including cars, displays, computers, and more.

PLC-Programmable Logic Controller Workshop Participants get training and a jump start on career paths to work in control and automation, and learn skills that can be used to leverage work with sensors, circuits, actuators, and the logic programming driving today's innovations.

The Use of Biotechniques in the Environment Students learn how to perform biotechniques used in chromatography, DNA extraction, cell type identification, protein migration, and water quality analysis.

Provost Leadership Camp From reading and writing help to public speaking and foreign language tips, the Provost and campus mentors help build the next generation of leaders.

Kid's Educational and Recreational Camp Campers engage in a variety of physical and educational activities, including arts and crafts, sports, culture, field trips and much more.

Straight Talk for Youth Empowerment

From goal setting and interpersonal skills to team-building and quality leadership, this camp focuses on developing well-rounded student leaders.

Fabric Art & Handmade Vintage Craft Day Camp Get expert help with a 3-day fabric art project to help renovate your space, office, or just to make a great gift. Past projects include Kentucky heritage bears, embroidery projects, dolls made from everyday socks, friendship bracelets, and more.

GSU Tiger Cub Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) Camp Experience This camp focuses on a fun, interactive, educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math as access points for guiding the Tiger Cub's inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.





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