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## Message from the Vice President Resilience: The Sweet Spot in the New Normal

Resilience is about sourcing your individual and collective power to thrive and persist. The GGC community has accomplished much together. The past eight months at Student Engagement and Success have revealed strong places and those needing improvement, as well.

As a result, I am mindful of the need for us to pause, reflect about our self-care, well-being and continuous improvement of our work. I recently read through survey responses from all of our staff. Next, we held division meetings to review some of the feedback and we are working to optimize work flow, communication and collaboration. I am excited about the future of SES, the thoughtful enthusiasm of our staff, and how we can better serve our students.



### Quick Fact:

ELI students from over 15 different language and cultural backgrounds have attended ELI classes this year.

## Spotlight: GGC's English Language Institute (ELI)

Students or community members wanting to develop their English language proficiency before entering GGC can benefit from the English Language Institute (ELI), which offers intensive English instruction for English language learners at a range of proficiency levels. Many ELI graduates have advanced to undergraduate studies at GGC. The typical intensive English session at the ELI involves 20 hours of instruction per week, Monday-Thursday, in an eight-week (or half-semester) session.

The ELI also offers college entrance preparation courses and special topics courses that are open to community members and geared toward supporting those for whom English is a second language. For information on the ELI's next intensive English session or to learn more about our next ESL college entrance preparation course, please contact us at [ggceli@ggc.edu](mailto:ggceli@ggc.edu) or visit [ggceli@ggc.edu](http://ggceli@ggc.edu).

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## First-year students “LIFT-off”

The LIFT-off Midterm Workshop series was offered in September for first-year students seeking to strengthen their academic success and plan for a strong finish to the semester. Topics such as note taking and exam prep, time management, research resources, technology resources and academic planning were highlighted.

Keep an eye on the Pulse for our end of semester success series of workshops and events! Please share these with your students and mentees.

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## Student Lingo Workshops Available 24/7

All GGC students have access to Student Lingo, SES’s online student success workshop platform. Students need to make an account on [Student Lingo](#), available through the AEC website. Students will have access to a variety of workshops 24/7.

[Click here for student lingo online workshops.](#)

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## SES to Celebrate National First-Generation Celebration Day

Nov. 8 is National First-Generation Celebration Day! The GGC Student Success team is planning a variety of social media offerings, workshops and other activities the week of Nov. 9 to highlight the strengths and achievements of our first-gen students. Stay tuned to the Pulse and campus calendars for further details.



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## Call for Submissions – Spring 2021 Data-Sharing Tour

Student Engagement and Success is seeking to move forward in its efforts to reimagine data collection and data sharing with its Spring 2021 Data Sharing Tour. This lunch and learn series increases community and fosters scholarship, leadership, service and creativity as staff from all areas converge to help GGC students engage and succeed. Presentations are held during the lunch hour and are open to all GGC staff, faculty, students and investigators. All interested staff should send a brief description of their proposed presentation, a short bio, and preferred dates to present to [ses@ggc.edu](mailto:ses@ggc.edu) by Nov. 1. To view the Fall data sharing tour, [Click here](#).

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## Introducing the Grizzly Mentor Collective

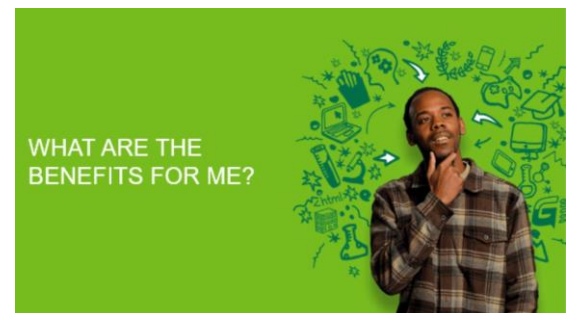
The Grizzly Mentor Collective program links new students one-on-one with a peer mentor who has experienced many of the same challenges and achieved success. Please let students know: prospective mentors and mentees can sign up [here](#).

## Understand the Benefits of Learning Communities

Learning communities (LCs) are a group of intentionally linked courses where instructors work with each other and with students to promote academic success and a stronger sense of connection to the GGC community. Many first-year LCs include the one-hour First-year Seminar course, GGC 1000.

The benefits of LCs for students include:

- Making friends quickly, and developing deeper friendships through participation in small communities.
- Benefiting from a stronger network of support that includes faculty and staff who focus on each student's success.
- Building a solid foundation that transforms the college experience and enhances academic development and growth.
- In keeping with the University System of Georgia's Momentum Year approach, LCs help students complete two to four core courses that fulfill degree requirements.



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