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New Space for Students, Faculty and Staff Encourages Creativity and Collaboration

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University recently opened a learning center designed to help

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students, faculty and staff develop their digital knowledge and skills. The Digital Learning Studio (DLS) provides assistance and access to digital and multimedia software and hardware.

"This is a place to brainstorm, collaborate with colleagues, and try out new ideas," shared Emily Robertson, GWU Director of Digital Learning. "I want this studio to represent a community of learners who bring different expertise, perspectives, and experiences to work with—and learn from—one another."

The DLS is located in the former World Languages building across from Dover Library. Some of the services/amenities that can be utilized include:

Genius Bar: Staffed with Digital Learning Consultants, users may take advantage of ondemand technology tutoring services.

Big Idea Conference Room: Features a whiteboard table and an interactive SHARP board to hold a brainstorming session or professional development training.

Green Screen Recording Room: Outfitted with basic lighting, video technology and access to editing software, the room is a starting point to develop foundational recording skills.

Elego Wall

Lego Wall: Offers an invitation to play, create, have fun, and engage in 3D creative play on a vertical plane. The activity encourages increased creativity and productivity, as well as stress-reduction and improved feelings of well-being.

"We encourage our students to be out-of-the-box, creative thinkers," Robertson added. "We hear from employers that they want graduates to have 21st century technology and collaborative skills, so we need to provide a space that encourages and provides access to develop those skills."

For more information about the DLS, contact Emily Robertson at erobertson@gardner-webb.edu.

Located in the North Carolina foothills, Gardner-Webb University is a private, Christian, liberal arts university that prepares students to become critical thinkers, effective leaders and compassionate servants in the global community. Emphasizing a strong studentcentered experience and rigorous academics, Gardner-Webb ignites learning and service opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. Ignite your future at Gardner-Webb.edu.