



January 2024

## WISHING YOU A GREAT NEW SEMESTER!

Welcome to the new year! I hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday break and are energized for the new semester.

We had a very successful fall semester and want to thank you for inviting us to come to your schools. Each year we come away with new ideas for improving our offerings and better engaging your students. The new labs for this year have been popular and well received. Thank you for these opportunities.

The Outreach team has a very busy 2024 schedule with 100 individual trips on the spring calendar with the Mobile Lab and Van. We do have a few open dates so please send in your request forms as soon as possible if you're interested in having us visit.



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## MORE EXCITING NEWS TO SHARE!

- Did you notice the new logo? GGC is celebrating its **50th Anniversary** this year! This will be an event-filled year for the Center. We will be bringing anniversary goodies to our spring teachers.
- Ashley and Haley are attending the **2024 International Conference for the Association of Science Teacher Education (ASTE)** in New Orleans in January. The conference schedule is filled with exciting topics and I'm looking forward to hearing their summary presentation of the conference.
- The **GGC-MUSC affiliation** continues to progress across the Center with our Education Division collaborating on ways to support their interest in secondary education. I will be attending their annual **Discover MUSC Day** in March to expose students in Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties to the various healthcare training programs at MUSC. We will be encouraging careers in genetics!
- GGC is a member and Ashley is on the board of the **National Mobile Lab Coalition (MLC)**, a group of similar outreach programs located around the country. We are very excited to be cohosting the **2024 MLC Conference** along with MUSC in Charleston in July!



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## SUMMER PLANS

Soon we will share flyers for our **summer camps** which will focus on **Environmental Genetics**. The middle school camp is planned for June 10-13 and the high school camp is June 17-20. All camps will be held in Greenwood.

Because of our busy 2024 year and reduced attendance in recent years, we have made the decision to offer the Summer Teachers' Course every other year. Please make plans to join us in 2025!

**As always, know that we value your support and interest in GGC and its programs. We look forward to working with you!**

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