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Daylong Institute will focus on competency-based progression

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# TransformSC News

*Announcements and updates from the TransformSC initiative*

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## National experts to address competency-based progression at Nov. 15 event

*Registration extended through Monday, Nov. 14*

TransformSC is hosting national experts in Competency-Based Progression at the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center in West Columbia on Tuesday, November 15.

***Agenda and speakers:***

- **Karla Phillips, Policy Director for Competency Based Education at the Foundation for Excellence in Education**, will give a national overview of competency-based progression with a focus on state policy.
- **Virgel Hammonds, Chief Learning Officer at KnowledgeWorks**, will address the transformative leadership necessary to support the vision towards competency-based education, and how state and local leaders can remove barriers and support conditions that optimize learning for each student.
- **Learning and Design Labs, facilitated by KnowledgeWorks**, will give the participants opportunities to learn strategies utilized by competency pioneers and design action steps for their respective learning communities.
- **Lauren McCauley, Office of Transformation, SC Department of Education**, will provide next steps for personalized learning and competency-based education in South Carolina.

[Register Now](#)

**Competency-based progression is one of four transformative practices identified by TransformSC that will help students achieve the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.** Competency-based progression means that students advance when ready. If students struggle, they are given more time and support. If students learn quickly, they are allowed to advance. Students in the same classroom may move at different paces based on their level of learning. For more information on the transformative practices, [visit our website](#).

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## **Blog: Transformational leaders network helps educators grow**

As our network of innovative schools has grown, we've come to realize that there isn't always a plethora of resources out there to guide educators along their transformative journey. In this month's blog, **Craig Baker, principal of Swansea High School**, talks about how TransformSC's transformative leaders network came to be and how it helps TransformSC schools continue to grow and thrive. [Read more>>](#)

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## **ICYMI...**

### **TransformSC hosts first annual bus tour**

October 19, 2016

*Television coverage from the Midlands Bus Tour*

### **5 schools and 2 districts join statewide network**

October 17, 2016

*Press release on new TransformSC schools and districts*

### **Learning as We Teach: Blended Learning Institute Takeaways**

October 3, 2016

*Blog post by Greg Harrison, principal of Darlington High School*

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# **Out and About**

*TransformSC represented at local and national events*

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## Community leaders attend Leadership Lex 3 program

Peggy Torrey, director of TransformSC, was one of fifteen community members who attended a daylong event on November 3 to learn more about the innovative programs that have been implemented in Lexington School District 3 during the 2016-17 school year. *Leadership Lex 3* was designed to provide community members with a hands-on approach to learning about the district's schools and for these individuals to have an opportunity to visit classrooms and talk with teachers and students.

## Stieritz represents SC at Alaska symposium

Representatives of *Alaska: Education Matters* invited TransformSC's business leadership to present at a community convening entitled *Preparing Students with 21st Century Skills*, in Anchorage on November 9th. President & CEO of the SC Council on Competitiveness Ann Marie Stieritz represented TransformSC and addressed transformation, implementation and building business and industry engagement to improve learning outcomes. Attendees learned about the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate, TransformSC's statewide innovation network, TransformSC's action teams, and the cross-sector collaboration within TransformSC's coalition of partners.

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# School and District News

*Announcements and updates from TransformSC's network of schools and districts*

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## Red Bank Elementary presents at iNACOL conference

**Red Bank Elementary School** teachers and principal presented at the iNACOL Symposium in San Antonio on October 28. Their presentation was about how elementary schools can get started in competency-based learning. During the presentation, students joined through Google hangout to participate about their learning experiences. Participants are planning visits to Red Bank following the presentation.

Red Bank Elementary School is located in located in Lexington School District One in Lexington, SC.

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# In Other News

Announcements and updates from across South Carolina

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## SC teacher named iNACOL teacher of the year

Trixi DeRosa-Davis was one of four educators recognized as a recipient of the 2016 iNACOL Innovator Awards on Oct. 27, 2016, at the iNACOL Blended and Online Learning Symposium in San Antonio, Texas. DeRosa-Davis, a Spanish Instructor and World Languages Teacher for VirtualSC, was named 2016 iNACOL Teacher of the Year. [Read more>>](#)

Photo: [iNACOL Twitter](#)

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## Save the Date!

Upcoming events hosted by TransformSC

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TransformSC's **Learning Institutes** are designed to connect TransformSC Schools and Districts with experts on transformative practices in the classroom. The events are offered free of charge to TransformSC Schools and Districts. Seats will be offered to the general public, as available. For more information, contact [transformsc@sccompets.org](mailto:transformsc@sccompets.org).

**Competency-Based  
Progression Institute**  
*November 15, 2016*

**Project-Based  
Learning Institute**  
*January 24, 2017*

**REGISTER NOW!**

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## TransformSC Spring Conference

**#ThinkForward**

**March 13, 2017**

TD Convention Center  
Greenville, SC

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