The Mission

Agnes Scott College educates women to think deeply, live honorably, and engage the intellectual and social challenges of their times.

Key big global learning idea we decided to tackle:

Can we provide ALL students with intensive global learning and a first-year travel experience?

Barriers from Faculty:

--no time/resources/energy to take on something new
--major courses are the most important
--don’t feel qualified to teach global learning or interdisciplinary courses

Barriers from Staff:

--already overworked
--must protect existing positions, roles, practices

Barriers from Administrators and/or Institution:

--everyone must benefit
--other issues must be resolved first
Leadership Development
All Agnes Scott students complete coursework and experiences focused on the acquisition of five essential leadership skills – critical thinking, writing, public speaking, teamwork and digital literacy - and reflect on what it means to be an honorable leader.

Global Learning
Every Agnes Scott student completes introductory coursework and a faculty-led study tour focused on understanding complex global dynamics.

Board of Advisors
As students blaze their unique paths to the SUMMIT, they benefit from the expertise of not just one, but four advisors - a SUMMIT Advisor, a Peer Advisor, a Major Advisor and a Career Ally.

Digital Portfolio
A self-curated virtual space in which students collect artifacts from, reflect upon, and showcase selected aspects of their unique learning journey.
Questions to Consider at Your Tables
Answer 1 and 2 individually, and then discuss 3 and 4 in your group.

1. What is the High-Impact Practice (HIP) or “Big Idea” you’d like to adopt?

2. What does success look like for you and your institution?
   (sketch out three key features/goals/outcomes of this HIP)

3. What barriers or impediments do you see in achieving that success? Are they faculty, student, staff or institutional barriers?

4. See handout for a guide to barriers and related questions that may open up a pathway—what questions apply best to your situation?