## Strength Enhancement -

## A SOUTHERN MISS CULTIVATION FACILITATION GUIDE



**Southern Miss Experience** 

**DSA Team Membership** 

**Student Learning** 

**Strategy:** Strength Enhancemet

Facilitators: SuperAdvisor

Target Audience: DSA Members, one-on-one

conversations ideal

Location: Face to face or video chat

Date/time: Determined by participants, e.g.,

regularly schduled meeting

Needed Materials: Student's Top Five CliftonStrengths

and Name It! Aim It! & Claim It! (See appendix)

LEARNING OUTCOME

Students will better understand, call upon, and build from their top strengths identified by Gallup's Clifton Strengths Inventory.

## **Implementation Outline**

- 1. Ensure your student knows your intention to help them succeed personally and professionally.
- 2. Consider cultural differences and various perspectives that could affect the outcome as well as how participants approach the cultivation.
- 3. Prior to the first meeting, review your team member's top five CliftonStrengths. Become generally familiar with each—ask your student to do the same.
- 4. Ask your team member to share their understanding of each strength. Provide clarification as needed.
- 5. Talk with your team member about the the themes you see as their SuperAdvisor.
  - a. Give them your first impression of their top-five.
  - b. Describe situations where you've seen these strengths emerge productively.
  - c. Share with them what you see as their greatest strength.
  - d. Relay anything that was suprising to you (e.g., their competative, but you've not see that characteristic in them during your relationship with them to this point).
- 6. Facilitate the NAME IT portion of the activity, *Name It! Claim It! Aim It!* with your team member as directed on the worksheet (see appendix). Encourage team members to use their work, student organizations, and classroom experiences as spaces to practice their strengths.
- 7. In the same or in a follow-up conversation, complete the remaining portion of the actity.
- 8. Facilitate a dicussion around how each student understanding and claiming their Top Five CliftonStrengths can assist them in their future endeavors.
- 9. At the conclusion of the oral reflection, create a cultivation record using the <u>Cultivation Tracker (link)</u>, <u>which</u> initiates the assessment process. Tell your student to expect a follow-up email from the Division Office that will include a link to access and submit a final cultivation reflection. Tell them the final step is designed to achieve the desired learning outcomes while also formally recording the experience in official records.

