

Summer Program Updates

“I greatly appreciate how intentional GTI and TWA are about making the experience reciprocal so that we, as Americans came home inspired and invigorated to keep pushing our educational system to do better by all children, but especially those in marginalized communities.”

– Peggy Laurent



“Lead from any Chair”: Highlights from the Inspiring 2024 GTI Axis Summit

We were thrilled to once again attend the Global Teachers Institute annual [GTI Axis Summit](#) in July. The 2024 Summit theme, "Lead from any Chair," drew inspiration from Ben Zander's approach, which advocates for leadership that extends beyond traditional roles and titles. This inclusive theme underscored the belief that leadership potential exists in every position, challenging conventional hierarchies and fostering a participatory approach to leading and learning. (from Global Teachers Institute)

[Dr. Sepadi](#) opened the Summit with a powerful keynote address encouraging the audience to pursue their dreams with a call to action. Following her message, delegates were invited to join workshops led by various educators and professionals from other industries. Coupled with workshops, there was a panel discussion and additional electives with which to engage.

Teach With Africa cohort team members Rachel Hollister and Michelle Lawton presented multiple interactive workshops titled, “The importance of open-ended materials in the development of literacy, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.” These workshops were well received and attended and later replicated in Mpumalanga Province at various early childhood centers.

Read the [full blog post on the Graduation Ceremony, Day of Service at Khanya Lesedi Early Childhood Center and The SEED School: Nairobi, Kenya.](#)