

Presentation for

Blue Valley Parent Advocates for Gifted Education

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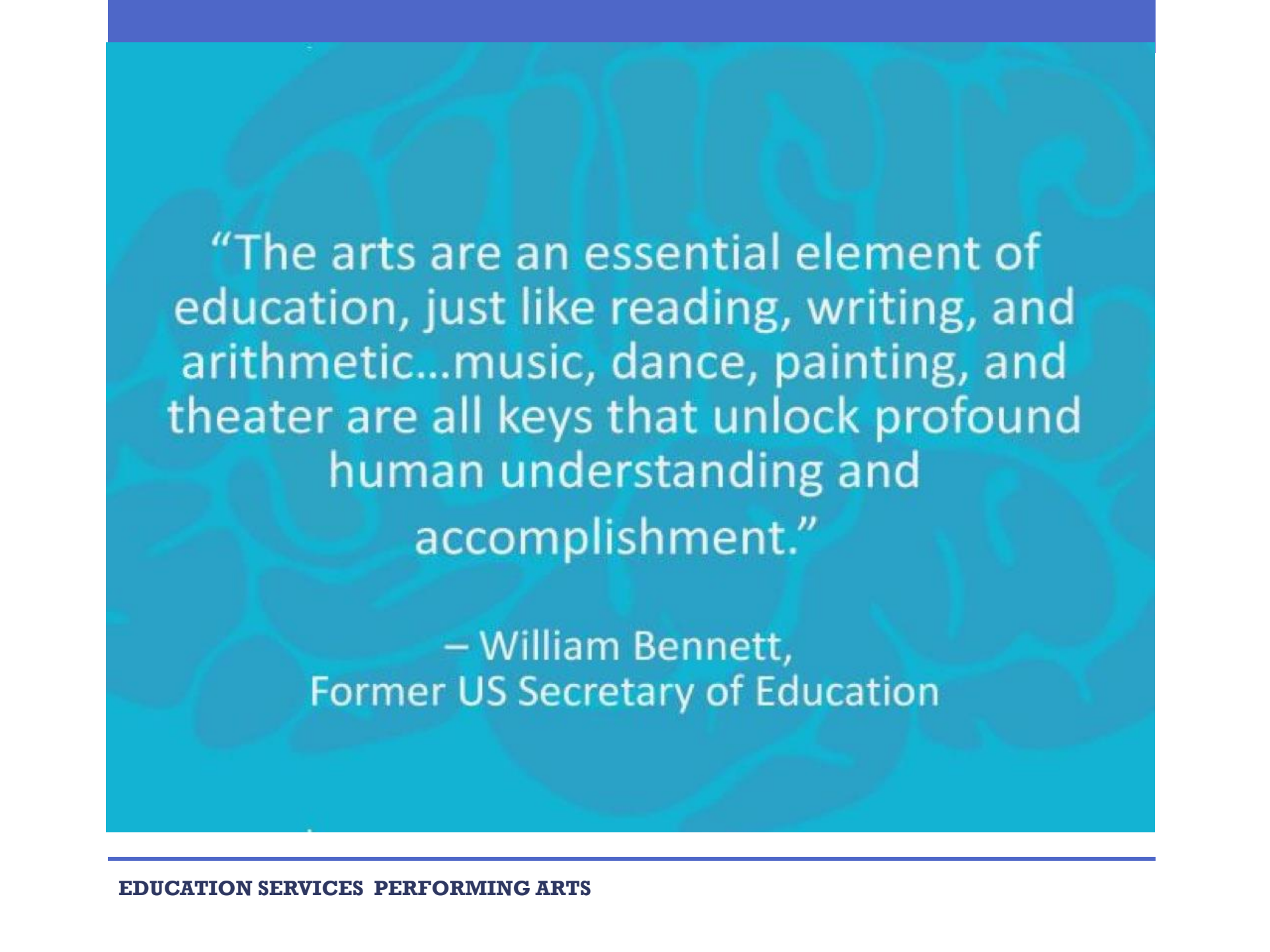
Parents of Talented (and not so talented) Gifted students.

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BVNW Chamber Singers

Performing “Ranpano” by Sydney Guillame, March 28, 2016
Jack Oxley, Videographer



“The arts are an essential element of education, just like reading, writing, and arithmetic...music, dance, painting, and theater are all keys that unlock profound human understanding and accomplishment.”

– William Bennett,
Former US Secretary of Education

- **Blue Valley Arts**

- Benefits
- Program offerings
- Identifying and developing talent
- Supporting your child

Our learning...

“Music has opened my eyes to the wide spectrum of feelings I hold, and this realization has strengthened my sense of self.”

Ankur Gupta, BVNW Grad, attending Northwestern University, majoring in Physics.

“Music has opened my eyes...”

Inherent Benefits

- Multiple Ways of Knowing
 - (visual, aural, kinesthetic + linguistic, mathematical)
- Emotional Awareness
- Reflective Learning
- Process Orientation
 - introspection, evaluation, analysis
- Grit

Benefits of the Arts

21st Century Skills

- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Critical Thinking

Benefits of the Arts

"Essentially, what they are learning is how to work with each other and support each other onstage.

To be a good leader, you have to listen to everyone, and to be a good actor, you have to listen to and support everyone onstage as much as yourself."

Christine Kelly,
Lecturer at MIT Sloan Business Management

“learning to work with each other”

Academic Achievement

- Higher Grade Point Averages
- Higher Attendance and Graduation Rates
- Spatial Reasoning Abilities

Benefits of the Arts

www.broaderminded.com

Fills Gaps

- Students Lagging Behind
- Engagement
- Transcending Socioeconomic Levels

Benefits of the Arts

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Brain Development

- Processing Sound and Staying Focused

“Studies have shown that diligent instrument training from an early age can help the brain remain focused when absorbing other subjects, from literature to tensor calculus.”

- Scientific American, 2010

Benefits of the Arts

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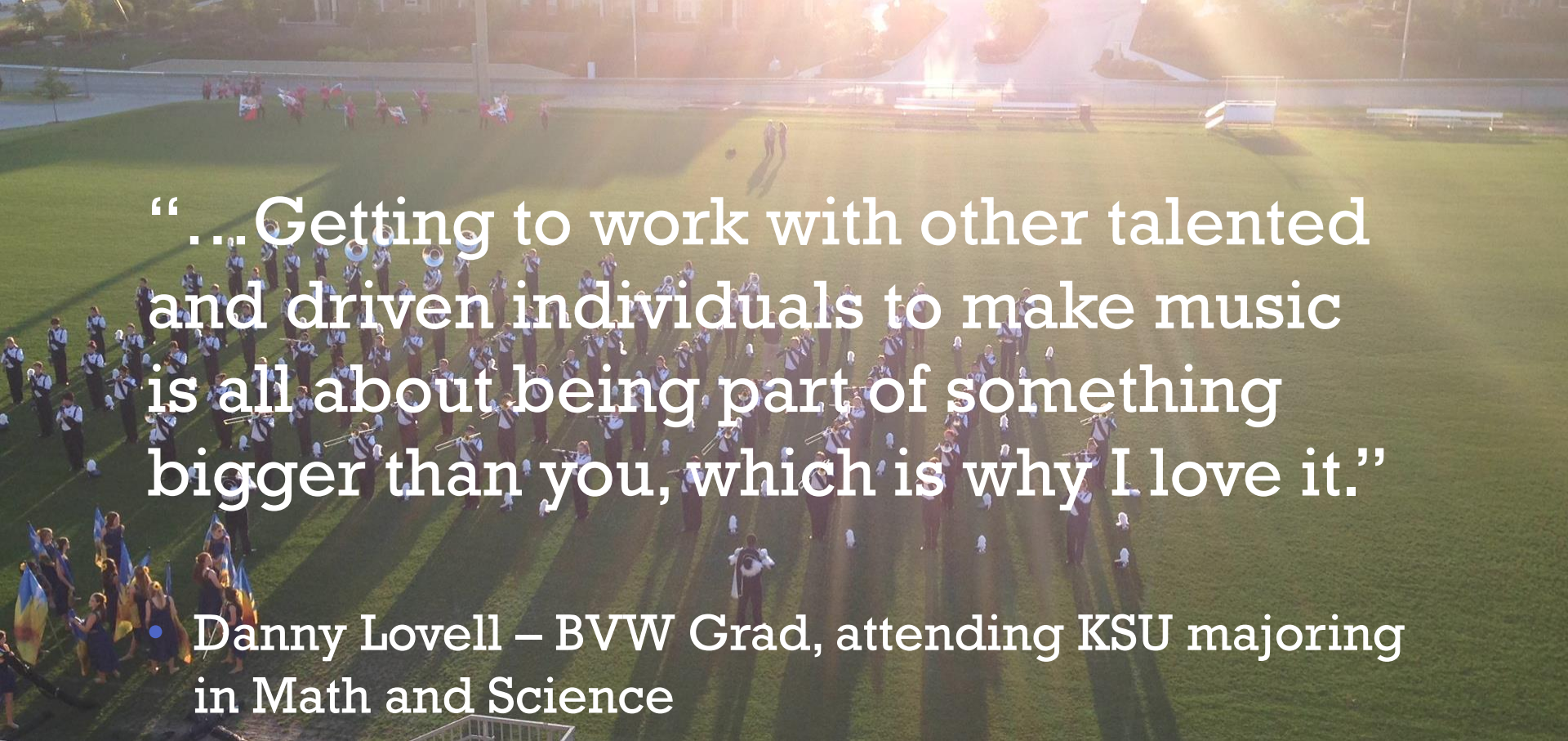
Blue Valley Teachers

- Meet every student where they are.
- Move students as far as they can go.
- “Where interest meets talent.”
- Opportunities built in.
- No IEP required.

Identifying and Developing Talent

- Let your child be the guide.
- Be a supportive listening ear.
- Provide opportunities to explore.
- Determine your philosophy.
 - “Should I require my child to practice?”

Supporting your child

A large marching band is performing on a green field at sunset. The band members are wearing blue and white uniforms and are arranged in a large formation. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow over the scene. The band is playing brass instruments, and their shadows are cast long on the grass.

“... Getting to work with other talented and driven individuals to make music is all about being part of something bigger than you, which is why I love it.”

- Danny Lovell – BVW Grad, attending KSU majoring in Math and Science

Part of something
bigger than you...

Elementary School Courses

General Music

General Music – K
General Music - 1
General Music - 2
General Music - 3
General Music - 4
General Music - 5

Band

5th Grade Beg. Band

Strings

4th Grade Beg. Strings
5th Grade Band

Middle School Courses

Band

6th Grade Beg. Band
6th Grade Adv. Band
7th Grade Band
8th Grade Band

Strings

6th Grade Beg. Strings
6th Grade Adv. Strings
7th Grade Strings
8th Grade Strings

Vocal Music

6th Grade Vocal Music
7th Grade Vocal Music
8th Grade Vocal Music

Speech and Drama

6th Grade Speech and Drama
7th Grade Speech and Drama
8th Grade Speech
8th Grade Drama

High School Courses

Debate

Debate
Advanced Debate
Argumentation and Debate

Forensics

Forensics
Advanced Forensics

Speech

Speech I
Speech II

Drama

Beginning Acting
Advanced Acting
Beginning Repertory Theatre
Advanced Repertory Theatre
Beginning Stagecraft
Advanced Stagecraft

High School Courses

Band

Freshman Band
Marching/Symphonic Band
Concert Band
Jazz Ensemble I
Jazz Ensemble II - pending BOE approval

Strings

Concert Orchestra
Symphonic Orchestra

Vocal Music

Concert Choir
Choraliers
Symphonic Choir - pending BOE approval
Chorale
Chamber Singers

Music Interpretation

Dance Team

Music Theory

Music Theory
Honors Music Theory

Course Offerings

Elementary School

General Music

General Music – K

General Music - 1

General Music - 2

General Music - 3

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General Music - 5

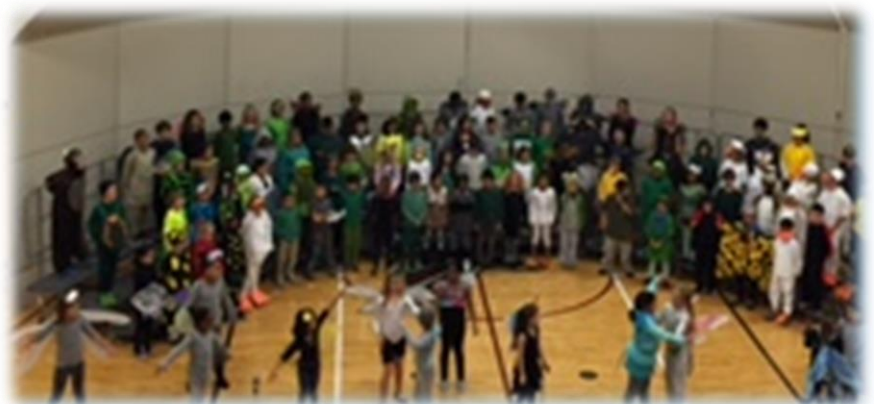
Band

5th Grade Beg. Band

Strings

4th Grade Beg. Strings

5th Grade Band



General Music, Gr. K-5

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Strings, Grade 4 and 5

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Band, Grade 5

EDUCATION SERVICES PERFORMING ARTS



Vocal Music

6th Grade Vocal Music

7th Grade Vocal Music

8th Grade Vocal Music

Strings

6th Grade Beg. Strings

6th Grade Adv. Strings

7th Grade Strings

8th Grade Strings

Band

6th Grade Beg. Band

6th Grade Adv. Band

7th Grade Band

8th Grade Band

- 6th Grade students choose band/strings or choir. (A/B classes). Speech/Drama is part of Explo Wheel.
- 7th and 8th music - full year elective. Speech/Drama one semester.

Speech and Drama

6th Grade Speech and Drama

7th Grade Speech and Drama

8th Grade Speech

8th Grade Drama

Middle School



“ My time spent in the performing arts in Blue Valley has allowed me to become a leader, a team member, and a hard worker, which are assets that translate far beyond music.”

Emily Lorenzo, BVN grad, KU Chemistry Major

“leader, team member,
hard worker...”



Band, 6-8



Strings, 6-8

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Choir, 6-8

EDUCATION SERVICES PERFORMING ARTS



Speech and Drama, 6-8

EDUCATION SERVICES PERFORMING ARTS



Strings

Concert Orchestra

Symphonic Orchestra

Vocal Music

Concert Choir

Choraliers

Symphonic Choir

Chorale

Chamber Singers

Band

Freshman Band

Marching/Symphonic Band

Concert Band

Jazz Ensemble I

Jazz Ensemble II



Music Interpretation

Dance Team

Music Theory

Music Theory

Honors Music Theory

High School - Music



Band

Freshman Band

Marching/Symphonic Band

Concert Band

Jazz Ensemble I

Jazz Ensemble II



Band, 9-12

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Strings

Concert Orchestra

Symphonic Orchestra



Orchestra, 9-12

EDUCATION SERVICES PERFORMING ARTS



Vocal Music

Concert Choir

Choraliers

Symphonic Choir

Chorale

Chamber Singers



Vocal Music, 9-12

EDUCATION SERVICES PERFORMING ARTS



Music Interpretation

Dance Team

Music Theory

Music Theory

Honors Music Theory



Music Theory Dance

Speech

Speech I

Speech II

Drama

Beginning Acting

Advanced Acting

Beginning Repertory Theatre

Advanced Repertory Theatre

Beginning Stagecraft

Advanced Stagecraft



Speech and Drama 9-12

Debate

Debate

Advanced Debate

Argumentation and Debate

Forensics

Forensics

Advanced Forensics



Debate and Forensics, 9-12

Speech

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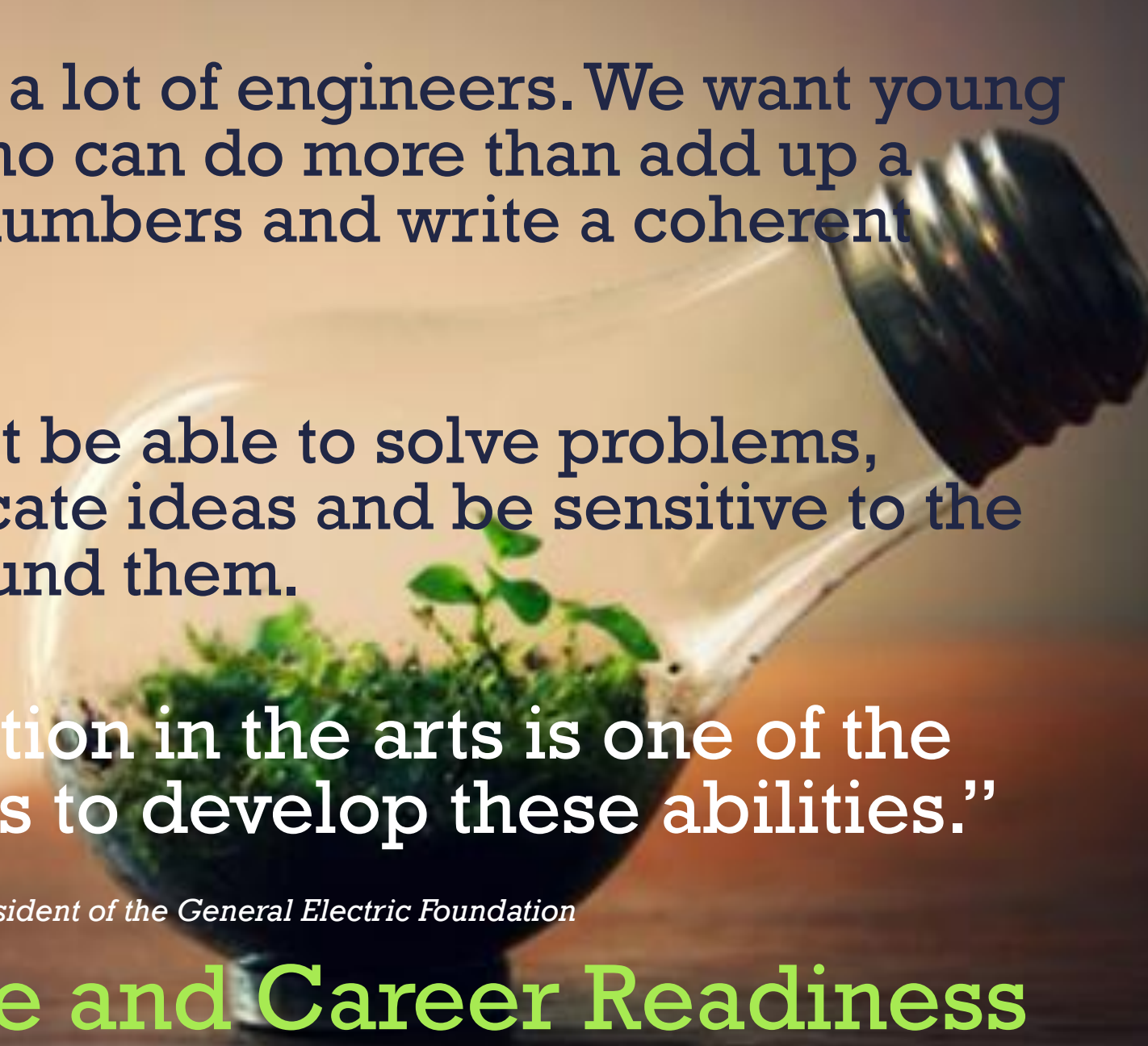
Advanced Repertory Theatre

Beginning Stagecraft

Advanced Stagecraft



Speech and Drama 9-12

A glass terrarium containing a small green plant with moss. A metal tool, possibly a trowel or a small shovel, is positioned above the plant, as if it has just been used to place the plant in the terrarium. The background is a warm, orange-brown gradient.

“GE hires a lot of engineers. We want young people who can do more than add up a string of numbers and write a coherent sentence.

They must be able to solve problems, communicate ideas and be sensitive to the world around them.

Participation in the arts is one of the best ways to develop these abilities.”

– Clifford V. Smith, President of the General Electric Foundation

College and Career Readiness



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