



GEORGETOWN  
DAY STORIES

## STORY STARTERS

Need help getting to your best GDS stories?

### STEP 1: Remind yourself: what kind of stories do you like listening to?

- A good story makes you feel something, but mostly *uplifting feelings*: hopeful, cheered, optimistic, inspired.
- A good story is *authentic and intimate*.
- A good story helps the listener find *meaning and make a connection*.
- A good story confirms a listener's *shared values*.
- A good story often tells of *overcoming a challenge* or an obstacle.
- A good story is unlikely to be: an inside joke or a story that someone cannot connect to.

**STEP 2: Use the following questions to get you thinking about what to talk about with your partner. Remember, these stories should be specific to GDS.** Your questions should be open-ended. Your questions should lead to a great conversation.

- What kind of student were you at GDS?
- Was there a GDS teacher or staff member or fellow student who had a strong influence on you? In what way? What lessons did you learn from this person?
- When you think of your time at GDS, what is one memory that defines it?
- Would you say GDS “changed your life”? If so, in what way?
- Can you tell me about your happiest GDS memory?
- What is your proudest GDS accomplishment?
- What GDS experience did you have that most reflects the GDS mission?
- If you could revisit a GDS experience and experience it again, what would it be and why?
- What experience did you have at GDS that made you who you are now?
- What about your GDS experience explains why GDS needs to exist in the world?
- What wisdom did you learn at GDS that you’d like to share with others?