



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

July 4, 2025

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"Doubt is the father of invention." – Ambrose Bierce

"Science may never come up with a better office communication system than the coffee break." – Earl Wilson

"Words do not express thoughts very well. They always become a little different immediately they are expressed, a little distorted, a little foolish. And yet it also pleases me and seems right that what is of value and wisdom to one man seems nonsense to another." – Hermann Hesse

"Inspiration is not the exclusive privilege of poets or artists. There is, there has been, there will always be a certain group of people whom inspiration visits. It's made up of all those who've consciously chosen their calling and do their job with love and imagination. It may include doctors, teachers, gardeners — I could list a hundred more professions. Their work becomes one continuous adventure as long as they manage to keep discovering new challenges in it. Difficulties and setbacks never quell their curiosity. A swarm of new questions emerges from every problem that they solve. Whatever inspiration is, it's born from a continuous "I don't know."" – Wisława Szymborska

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." – Jane Goodall

"Freedom means the opportunity to be what we never thought we would be." – Daniel J. Boorstin

"Don't let anyone rob you of your imagination, your creativity, or your curiosity. It's your place in the world; it's your life. Go on and do all you can with it, and make it the life you want to live." – Mae Jemison

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

Hear the Otherworldly ‘Choir’ of Singing Beechwood Dolls by Teenage Engineering
Colossal

Design and the Elastic Mind | Paola Antonelli
EG 2007

The transformative power of classical music | Benjamin Zander
TED2008

The birth of the computer | George Dyson
TED2003

What to do when everything feels broken | Daniel Alexander Jones
TED2020

Women in science who changed the world
IFLScience

Explore Centuries of Art History 15 Minutes at a Time in James Payne’s ‘Great Art Explained’
Colossal

AI, Music & Creativity in the Imagination Age with Holly Herndon
SXSW

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

wild kratts: ocean adventure!
National Childrens Museum
Through September 7

2025 National Arts Integration and STEAM Conference
Creativity Rising
July 8 – 9, 2025 | Baltimore, MD

NEH Announces New Grant Program for Cultural Organizations on the People, Events, and Legacy of 1776
National Endowment for the Humanities
Deadline: July 9

2025 Summit Features Inspiring Keynotes, Deep-Dive Sessions and Hands-On Workshops for Educators
Smithsonian Voices | Smithsonian Education
July 15 – 17

National Air and Space Museum to reveal more renovated galleries on July 28
Space.com
July 28

Creative Growth Grants

City of Charlotte

Deadline: August 4

NEW What is Creativity in the Age of AI?

American Academy of Arts & Sciences

August 11

NEW Know a Trailblazing Woman Scientist? Nominate Her for Our 'Cutting-Edge Women in Science' List

The Story Exchange

Deadline: September 15

ENCATC Congress 2025

ENCATC

September 15 – 17 | Barcelona, Spain

ArtPrize 2025 to Ignite Grand Rapids with 16 Days of Art & Creativity

KARK

September 18 - October 4

Imagine. Create. Activate! | Chicago 2025

Creative Placemaking Communities

September 22 - 24 | Chicago, IL

Unleashing Imagination: The Creative Brain and AI

The Dallas Morning News

October 9

2025 Prospectus

Wisconsin Science Festival

October 16 – 26

NEW 2025 AIGA Design Conference

AIGA

October 9 – 11 | Los Angeles, CA

Social Connection Conference

Foundation for Social Connection

October 28 - 30

Call for Articles | General Issue

European Journal of Cultural Management and Policy | ENCATC

Deadline: Ongoing

Twenty-Four Smithsonian Shows to See in 2024

At the Smithsonian | Smithsonian Magazine

Various

Idea Jams 2024/2025

Canadian Network for Imagination and Creativity
Series

ALL TOGETHER NOW: A Sneak Peek into SXSW 2026
SXSW
March 12 – 18

Apply to attend TED2026 | All of Us
TED Conferences
April 13 - 17

CreativeMornings | a monthly breakfast lecture series
CreativeMornings
Various

Nesta Talks to...
Nesta
Various

Interactive Map | Science Festivals
Science Festival Alliance
Various

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Want to Be Creative? Stop Trying So Hard
Playing Your Way Sane | Psychology Today

Fireworks Stands
The Economics of Everyday Things | Freakonomics

Your favorite Fourth of July foods were invented by immigrants
History & Culture | National Geographic

Talking Dementia: Dr. Anne Basting on the Power of Imagination in Dementia Care
Remo Health

He's Ringo. And Nobody Else Is.
The New York Times

Yale psychologist: The No. 1 skill that the most creative and successful people have—it's their superpower'
CNBC

Physicists Solve a 50-Year Mystery About a Critically Important Molecule
Physics & Chemistry | Gizmodo

At This Year's Folklife Festival, the Kids Are All Right
Smithsonian Institution | Smithsonian Magazine
Through July 7

The Art Of Productive Creativity: Lessons In Slowing Down To Speed Up
Forbes

Gavin Newsom Celebrates Expansion of Film Credit to \$750 Million
Variety

This AI ‘thinks’ like a human — after training on 160 psychology studies
Nature

Devices that pull water out of thin air poised to take off
Science

Celebrating Role Models Who Are Shaping the Future of STEM
CSRwire

AI helps find formula for paint to keep buildings cooler
Artificial Intelligence (AI) | The Guardian

First human genome from ancient Egypt sequenced from 4,800-year-old teeth
Nature

New teachers' impact on equitable science learning
Phys.org

Southern Hemisphere Gull Seen in Wisconsin for the First Time, Drawing Tourists for a Rare Glimpse of the Out-of-Place Bird
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

What to Expect at the Newly Renovated National Air and Space Museum When It Opens This Month
Smithsonian Voices | Office of the Secretary of the Smithsonian

A New Biography Offers the Most Intimate Portrait Yet of One of the 20th Century's Greatest Authors
Arts & Culture | Smithsonian Magazine

5 Picture Books That Encourage Creativity in Kindergarten
Creativity | Edutopia

How to Start Building Math Confidence in Preschool
Student Engagement | Edutopia

How Read-Alouds Can Encourage Student Writers
Literacy | Edutopia

This One Learning Mistake Is Wasting Your Time (and You Don't Even Know You're Doing It)
Book of the Day from The Next Big Idea Club

Robert Holton Dies at 81; His Potent Chemo Drug Saved Lives — and Trees
The New York Times

It Came From Outside Our Solar System, and It Looks Like a Comet
The New York Times

Grand Rapid's ArtPrize: Culture, Economy, and Change
CODAworx

Struggling with creativity? You may be Googling too much, says new study
Fast Company

Denmark wants you to copyright yourself. It might be the only way to stop deepfakes
Design | Fast Company

Critical minerals are in the U.S., not in far-off mines
Impact Council | Fast Company

NASA's next frontier is Netflix
Impact | Fast Company

Which shelf is yours?
Seth's Blog

What are hurricanes? The science behind the supercharged storms
Science | National Geographic

Florida Governor Cuts Nearly \$6 Million In Public Media Funding.
Inside Radio

Hollywood Confronts AI Copyright Chaos in Washington, Courts
The Wall Street Journal

How do we define Canadian content? Debates will shape how creatives make a living
The Conversation

Alberta's Book Ban Is a Blatant Act of Cultural Vandalism
The Walrus

Award-Winning Albums and Rare Sounds Simmer at This Midwest Kitchen-Studio
Arts Midwest

Eat Your AI Slop or China Wins
The New Atlantis

Archaeologists make surprising discovery along the Menominee River on Wisconsin border
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

Canada's Archives Are in Trouble—and So Is Its History

The Walrus

Boosting Team Creativity in Remote Workspaces

Tracking Wonder | Psychology Today

Who was Hedy Lamarr? The Hollywood star who helped invent Wi-Fi

History & Culture | National Geographic

From loneliness to social connection: charting a path to healthier societies

Report of the WHO Commission on Social Connection

Paramount to Pay Trump \$16 Million to Settle '60 Minutes' Lawsuit

Variety

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CBS Chief George Cheeks Addresses Paramount's Trump Lawsuit Settlement: Deal Allows Company Focus on 'Core Objectives'

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Paramount's Trump Settlement Worries CBS News Staffers, Who Fear Weakening of '60 Minutes'

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Sen. Warren Wants an Investigation Into Paramount's \$16 Million Trump Settlement: 'This Could Be Bribery in Plain Sight'

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'60 Minutes' Draws the Line

Status

The CBS News Settlement Proves Trump Is Winning His War on the Press

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Paramount to Pay Trump \$16 Million to Settle '60 Minutes' Lawsuit

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'Spineless capitulation.' Paramount faces backlash over its \$16-million Trump settlement

Los Angeles Times

Inside CBS News: Fear, anger and a silver lining after Paramount-Trump settlement

Los Angeles Times

Dan Rather on Paramount's \$16 Million Trump Settlement: 'It Was a Sell-Out to Extortion by the President' (EXCLUSIVE)

Variety

Creativity across disciplines: Researcher explores AI's ability to achieve transformative 'break-with' innovation

Phys.org

The private sector lost a brutal number of jobs last month

Economic Indicators | Quartz

Scientists Built a Canoe Using Only Prehistoric Tools. Then They Sailed the Dangerous 140-Mile Route Early Humans Traveled 30,000 Years Ago

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Why Women Are Leaving Male-dominated STEM

Knowledge at Wharton | Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

The Hoover Institution Launches Technology Policy Accelerator to Guide US Innovation

News from The Hoover Institution

Peeking inside AI brains: Machines learn like us

EurekAlert! | AAAS

With Etch a Sketches and Apples, Math Is Revealed

The New York Times

Art is what will save us

Arts Professional, UK

The “Why” of Code: Reclaiming Tech for Humanity

Next Big Idea Club

Stanford AI Scholars Find Support for Innovation in a Time of Uncertainty

Stanford HAI Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence

The innovation trade-off: how following superstars shapes academic novelty

Humanities and Social Sciences Communications | Nature

Engineering students develop emergency response tech

Hub | Johns Hopkins University

Testing the art as adaptation hypothesis through artistic practice and reproductive success in Papua woodcarvers

Science Reports | Nature

Here's What Mark Zuckerberg Is Offering Top AI Talent

Variety

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Sam Altman Slams Meta's AI Talent-Poaching Spree: 'Missionaries Will Beat Mercenaries'

Variety

Microsoft to Lay Off Thousands; Xbox Chief Says Gaming Division Cuts Will Remove 'Layers of Management'

Variety

Warner Music Announces Further Restructuring, \$170 Million in Staff Cuts

Variety

Scooter Braun Steps Down as CEO of HYBE America

Variety

The Birth-Rate Crisis Isn't as Bad as You've Heard—It's Worse

The Atlantic

Ohio State STEAMM Rising program assists K-12 teachers with classroom innovation

Ohio State News | The Ohio State University

These Daring Revolutionary-Era Artists Promoted the Patriot Cause From the Heart of Enemy Territory

America 250 | Smithsonian Magazine

What Happens After A.I. Destroys College Writing?

The New Yorker

Deaf Teenager and 24-Year-Old Gain Ability to Hear After Experimental Gene Therapy

Health | Gizmodo

Leaders of Color Must Grieve, Rise, and Reimagine as DEI Is Dismantled

Diverse Issues in Higher Education

Your Brain Is Broken. So Why Can't Anyone Fix It?

Book of the Day from The Next Big Idea Club

Micro-Moment of Creative Care #4 - tiny things you can do even when your tank is empty

Little Caregiver Repair Shop | Anne Basting

Neil Sedaka Executed One of Pop's Great Comebacks. Now, He Just Plays.

The New York Times

Defeat of a 10-Year Ban on State A.I. Laws Is a Blow to Tech Industry

The New York Times

Kodak, Once the Picture of a Dying Brand, Is Having a Moment

The New York Times

Can GoFundMe's New DAF Tool Supercharge Charitable Giving?

The Chronicle of Philanthropy

‘Creatives are going to be elevated’: Canva’s COO on how AI is transforming the artistic landscape

Rapid Response | Fast Company

Tripadvisor just turned its user reviews into a new brand with a whole lot to say

Design | Fast Company

China’s Luckin Coffee is the anti-Starbucks. Will it work in the U.S.?

Design | Fast Company

Microsoft says AI can diagnose tough medical cases better than physicians

Fast Company

These geeks are building an early warning system for disappearing government data

Tech | Fast Company

This neighborhood in Queens has a brilliant plan to turn a busy street into a park

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Why biology is our most powerful technology

Fast Company Impact Council

Why showing your work is the new mark of great design

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How 2 Nonprofits Are Using Direct Mail to Get Donors Fired Up to Take Action

NonProfit Pro

Productivity, AI and pushback

Seth’s Blog

A New Video Game Allows You to Repatriate African Artifacts by Looting Western Museums

ARTnews

Louvre Launches Design Contest for \$400 Million Expansion, Including a New Room for ‘Mona Lisa’

Artnet News

Every last word: One woman’s quest for the full Smithsonian experience

MSN, The Washington Post

Transforming Invasive Plants into Paper That Grows Wildflowers

Arts Midwest

Demanding Pleasures - On the art of observation

Harper’s Magazine

How Do You Teach Computer Science in the A.I. Era?

The New York Times

How a Puzzle About Fractions Got Brain Scans Rolling

The New York Times

The story behind the Great Compromise—the 1787 deal that made the U.S. possible

History & Culture | National Geographic

The Louvre Invited 100 Contemporary Artists to Copy—and Reinterpret—Its Masterpieces. Here's What They Made

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An Innovative Spacecraft Makes Contact With an Asteroid

Smithsonian Voices | National Air and Space Museum

Humans are the New Luxury Goods

Gapingvoid

Creating Change through Creativity

Hawaii Business Magazine

Art's Influence on the Brain Better Understood: New Data

Medscape

Burning with Creativity: The Pyrographic Work of Angela Foster

Oxford Magazine

Microsoft hosts the grand opening of its AI Co-Innovation Lab on UWM campus

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee College of Engineering and Applied Science

World's first robotic hand bends fingers using nothing but human thought

Interesting Engineering

(dis)Ability Design Studio: A place to create healthy solutions for all

Carle Illinois College of Medicine | University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Georgia Tech Launches Two New Interdisciplinary Research Institutes

Georgia Tech News Center

How neurodivergent minds could humanize AI governance

The World Economic Forum

Study Reveals That Internet Searches Can Hinder Creativity

Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Carnegie Mellon University

Accelerating scientific discovery with AI

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How can the James Webb Space Telescope see so far?

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Here's What They Said**

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How the brain supports social processing as people age

EurekAlert! | AAAS

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**How 'Jaws' Forever Changed the Modern Day Blockbuster — and What Today's
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The 20 graphic designers inspiring us the most in 2025

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**Billie Eilish's next act: Getting music labels to give unsold concert T-shirts a
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Will AI make thinking extinct?

The New Rules of AI | Fast Company

The health research Trump really cut when he joked about defunding trans mice

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Rebecca Yarros wrote the romantasy you can't put down and here's how Entangled Publishing made it happen

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Meet Picastro, the Instagram alternative for astrophotographers

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Joby Aviation stock soars: Flying taxi company completes first successful test flights in Dubai; launch set for 2026

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New MIT tech turns desert air into safe drinking water

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While machines calculate, humans connect

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Gen X parents challenge their Gen Z kids to put a cassette in a boombox and the struggle is real

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Giving the Readers What They Want

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How 'Colors of the Wind' Became a Generational Rallying Cry

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Hollywood's pivot to AI video has a prompting problem

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The New York Times

The first Black woman U.S. Senator looks back on her political career in new memoir

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Get Up Close to Frank Lloyd Wright's Unrealized Buildings with David Romero's Digital Models

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The Death of the Middle-Class Musician

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No One Is in Charge at the US Copyright Office

WIRED

How We Think About Creativity Matters

Creativity: The Art and Science | Psychology Today

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How do atoms form? A physicist explains where the atoms that make up everything around come from

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Congress Should Fully Fund NSF's TIP Directorate to Make America More Competitive Versus China

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Neither math nor science: the after-school activity sharpening kids' minds that is dismissed in the US

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In Focus | Harvard University

No gravity? No problem. Auburn University associate professor successfully tests 3D printer on parabolic flights

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The Coming Techlash Could Kill AI Innovation Before It Helps Anyone

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Why are lefties more creative? Turns out, they're not

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Researchers Uncover Hidden Ingredients Behind AI Creativity

Quanta Magazine

Homo Aestheticus: Philosophical Fragments on the Will to Art: Excerpt
Resilience

Beyond the Machine: Why Human-Made Art Matters More in the Age of AI
Columbia Business School | Columbia University

Biologists Uncover Previously Unknown Structure Hiding Inside Human Cells
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Brain Criticality May Hold Key to Learning, Memory, and Alzheimer's
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A neural brain implant provides near instantaneous speech
Ars Technica

Click, speak, move: These brain implants are poised to help people with disabilities
All Things Considered | NPR

Drastic cuts to NIH will halt brain research on the cusp of transformational treatments.
Opinion | MSNBC

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Newsweek

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Diverse Issues in Higher Education

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Scientists Launch Wild New Project to Build a Human Genome From Scratch
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Jacobin

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PsyPost

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The Marginalian

Our Imagination Sets Up Our Decisions
Your Future Self | Psychology Today

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Your leadership playbook needs an AI update

The Future of Work | Fast Company

Stop whispering about AI: Your clients already think you're using it, and they hope you're good at it

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5 unexpected roadblocks for women entrepreneurs—and how to overcome them

Strong Female Lead | Fast Company

Traditional business planning doesn't cut it anymore. Here's what leaders should embrace instead

How to Be a Success At Everything | Fast Company

Why your brain matters more than ever in the AI age

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These two game-changing breakthroughs advance us toward artificial general intelligence

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Scientists engineer bacteria to turn plastic waste into painkillers

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Simon Says | NPR

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Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Education is free, learning is expensive

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Annie Duke Thinks You Should Quit (Update)

People I (Mostly) Admire | Freakonomics

Innovation: Psychology Enhances What AI Can't Grasp

From Theory to Practice | Psychology Today

Why the 'Tiny Chef' cancellation broke the internet's heart

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The New York Times

Life on demand: The debate between recording events to remember them or living in the moment

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Authors petition publishers to curtail their use of AI

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A music librarian brought Stephen Sondheim to tears — and got him to bequeath his life's work

CBC Radio

'Color Purple' director Lili-Anne Brown is bringing a who's who of Black creatives to the stage

Chicago Sun-Times

AI could cause newsprint to outlive the hyperlink

Matt Pearce

The AI Backlash Keeps Growing Stronger

WIRED

Facebook is starting to feed its AI with private, unpublished photos

Archive.Today, The Verge

Harvard Announces a Contingency Plan for Some of Its International Students

The New York Times

Honey, We Shrunk the Cod

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The Self That Never Was - Even if the self is an illusion, we are not machines.

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The **National Creativity Network** believes that by fostering creativity in our society as a whole, and specifically with future generations, America can remain a leader in innovation and free enterprise. The very future of our communities and institutions depends on our ability to nurture and harness imagination to creatively solve problems. If creativity is to be nurtured, systems, institutions and networks must be transformed.

The opportunities that emerge to transform our nation are largely dependent upon the degree to which we are connected to each other. Our connection will become a catalyst:

- to enhance the flow of relevant information,
- and to improve the ease with which key nodes of creativity, be they in the domains of Education, Commerce, Culture or across disciplines, can gain access to the best thinking, best questions, and most successful practices as well as other resources their ventures may require.

Our strategy is to engage thought leaders across North America to create a powerful network for transformation.

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