UGA IS3D and College of Education lead Hart County High School professional development session

On July 31, 2013, nine Hart County High School science and health teachers took part in a professional development session led by Dr. Georgia Hodges (UGA College of Education, Department of Math & Science Education), Dr. Tom Robertson (IS3D CEO and UGA College of Vet Med), and David Ducrest (IS3D Development Lead). The Hart County teachers will be working with IS3D to pilot their 3-D interactive educational games that teach scientific concepts. The software allows teachers to track student knowledge and skill development. The partnership is bringing innovative STEM technology to Hart County classrooms in exchange for feedback from teachers on how IS3D might further enhance the software. Hart County Archway connected the groups after seeing a demo of IS3D’s software at an open house at the Georgia Biobusiness Center.

Hart County Archway Partnership and Hartwell DDA work with College of Environment and Design students on Signage for Tourism

Hart County Archway partnered with the Hartwell Downtown Development Authority to write and submit a Tourism Product Development grant application. The grant would begin implementation of comprehensive downtown directional and interpretive signage to increase tourism and spotlight Hartwell’s thriving arts community. Archway graduate assistants Emily Hunt and Diane Silva, both from the College of Environment and Design, worked over a period of 4 months with a local committee that included downtown business owners, the DDA, Hart Regional Arts Council, Hart County Chamber, and Hart County Historical Society to create the signage designs and put together the grant packet. Grant awardees will be announced by the Georgia Department of Economic Development/Georgia Council for the Arts in mid-September.