



July/August 2009

### Quality GPS Training

The UGA ETC, Athens and Gwinnett, will be hosting GPS training for Math I-IV on July 31st, and August 3 and 4 from 8:30-4:00 each day. These sessions, including hands-on problem solving activities, are sure to be engaging and interactive for the participants as they connect across the state using video conferencing. They will be repeated again on August 5-7.



PD on SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard/Notebook software, Airliner wireless slates, eInstruction CPS response systems, and digital visual presenters. The teachers divided themselves into basic and advanced groups for each of the technologies and had numerous hands-on activities throughout the days. If you would be interested in similar training for your system, please contact us!

schools for the professional development aspect of this grant (Moodle, Web 2.0, Emerging Technologies...Oh My!)

### Pre-service Teachers are Back!

Our semester-long course—Building Technology Bridges in Education—will be starting soon with approximately sixty pre-service teachers eager to learn about technologies they can use during their student teaching to deliver engaging, standards-based lessons. Not only are these pre-service teachers learning about these technologies in the college classroom, they are taking devices such as student response systems, wireless slates, visual presenters, and laptops with interactive whiteboard software out to the schools to use them with their students and to demonstrate them to their mentor teachers. The following schools are expected to be tremendously impacted by this technology-armed force of pre-service teachers:

**Barrow County:**  
Auburn Elementary  
Statham Elementary

(schools continued on back)

### Barrow County Training

On August 24-27 we will provide training on Promethean Activboards and Activstudio to approximate 100 teachers from Barrow County. The first three days will consist of basic training for elementary, middle, and high school teachers respectively with different groups of teachers in the mornings and afternoons. On the fourth day, we will be delivering intermediate training in the morning and advanced in the afternoon. We feel this is an excellent training model and we look forward to the interaction!



### Greene County Training

On July 28th, we provided Level 1 SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard training to 20 new Greene County Teachers. We have four Smart Certified Master Trainers at the ETC.



### New Grant Awarded

Congratulations Elbert Middle and Elbert High! They are the recipients of the FY09 Title IID Ed Tech Competitive Grant: *Increasing Student Achievement with Digital Resources*. **A kick-off meeting is scheduled for August 5th at 1:00 PM.** The UGA ETC is looking forward to partnering with these



### Walton County Training

On July 7-9 the UGA ETC delivered 3 days of "train the trainer"



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**Clarke County:**

Barnett Shoals  
Gaines Elementary  
J.J. Harris Elementary  
Whit Davis Elementary  
Whitehead Road Elementary

**Madison County:**

Hull-Sanford Elementary

**Oglethorpe County:**

Oglethorpe Primary  
Oglethorpe Elementary

**Walton County:**

Sharon Elementary

**We're Certified!**

The UGA ETC now has four instructors certified to teach eInstruction's Classroom Performance System and Interwrite Workspace using the Mobi slate. Interwrite Workspace puts over 4,000 digital teaching resources at your disposal, from math to language arts, from arts to sciences, from K through Higher Ed. There are more than 50 tools for creating, displaying, annotating, organizing, controlling, importing, capturing, recording, and sharing teaching materials. If your system has this technology or is interested in previewing it, please contact us!



**NEGA and UGA ETC  
Media Specialist Consortium**



The UGA ETC will partner with the Northeast Georgia RESA to offer a professional learning series, "Technology to Support RTI and Struggling Learners," for media specialists in the 09/10 school year. Participants completed a survey declaring the topics they

are most interested in, resulting in a series of morning and afternoon 3 1/2 hour sessions modeled after the UGA ETC Cool Tools Series. These sessions will be hosted at the UGA ETC in Athens and will incorporate the latest technologies as well as strategies for the struggling learner.

**August 31: Kick-off**  
**September 14: Movie Maker**  
**October 5: Social Media Tools**  
**November 23: Blogging**  
**January 25: Free Tools!**  
**February 22: Audio Recording**  
**March 22: Digital Camera Fun!**

**Formative Assessment  
Professional  
Development with  
School Improvement**



Here at the UGA ETC, we are "teachers first." While we fully believe in the power of technology to engage today's students and improve achievement, we know that good teaching practices, including formative assessment, are the foundation of this powerful tool. On July 28-29 two of our staff will travel to Callaway Gardens for professional development on formative assessment. We are excited about the possibilities this training will afford us in our future course offerings.

**GACE Computer Skill  
Competency Assessment for  
Teachers**



The UGA ETC will continue offering the GACE Computer Skill

Competency Assessment for teachers monthly in both Athens and Gwinnett.

Dates for August are:

**Gwinnett: Aug. 13th 10:00AM**

**Athens: Aug. 12th 9:00AM**

For an updated schedule and registration information, please visit our web site at:

<http://etc.coe.uga.edu/gace/>

**TTT Grant Update**



The FY08 Title IID Ed Tech Competitive Grant, Teachers, Teamwork, and Technology (or T3) is gearing up for its second year. The three awarded schools in our service area, Elbert Middle, Beaverdam Elementary, and Commerce Primary, had a very successful first year. This year we look forward to implementing mp3 audio and video players as well as student laptops!

**Media Specialist  
Course: 5 PLUs!**



Our annual summer course, Technology and the Modern Media Center taught July 13-17, was a smash hit! If you didn't not get a chance to join us, please make plans to do so next summer. You will not want to miss it! Special topics added this year include web/library 2.0 tools!

**How do you plan to use technology to increase student achievement in your schools?**



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