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Spotlight on Georgia

School is back in session, and it's time for Georgia teachers and students to shine in the Spotlight once again.

Spotlight on Georgia is a monthly award program through which we recognize teachers in our service area who are implementing effective technology integration strategies in the classroom.

Last spring we had three Spotlight winners:

- Brenda Hill, Madison Co. MS
- Sabrina Howard, Madison Co. MS, and
- Marilyn Hilley, Madison Co. MS

They all received a monetary award, a certificate, and recognition on our Web site and through local newspapers. We encourage all teachers in our service area to apply for the Spotlight on Georgia award by completing an application on our Web site: <http://ttc.coe.uga.edu/spotlightga.html>.

Soon we will be choosing, from the Spotlight winners, one teacher and team of students to represent our service area on **Capitol Tech Day**, a state-wide effort to demonstrate to legislators the importance of technology in education.

GaETC

The 19th annual Georgia Educational Technology Conference will be held **November 15-17, 2006**, at the Georgia International Convention Center in Atlanta. Come participate in sessions and workshops that will "innovate, inspire, and empower!"

For more information, visit <http://www.gaetc.net/>

NECC

The Georgia Department of Education and Georgia Public Broadcasting have partnered with the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) to bring their National Education Computer Conference (NECC) to Georgia - **June 24 – 27, 2007** at the World Congress Center. This is a curriculum and technology conference that over 18,000 educators from all over the world attend. You will want to be a part of this conference.

For more information visit: <http://center.uoregon.edu/ISTE/NECC2007/glance/welcome.php>



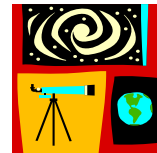
Teacher Quality Grant

The UGA ETTC applied for and received a grant to support and increase the quality of science education in underserved areas of our region. The project goals are:

- Facilitate middle school science instruction
- Help teachers implement new GPS using technology-enhanced hands-on activities
- Support teachers as they apply this new strategy
- Expand the JASON Project to Georgia's underserved areas

Thank you to the following schools that helped us achieve these goals:

- Haymon-Morris Middle
- A.W. Carson Middle
- Madison Co. Middle
- Oglethorpe Co. Middle
- Youth Middle
- Elbert Co. Middle



Title II-D eMath Grant

The third year of the eMath grant is well underway! The goal of the grant is to combine high-quality professional development with appropriate implementation of technology to enhance mathematics instruction.

Four schools in our service region are participating in the eMath grant:

- Chase Street Elementary, Clarke County
- Union Point Elementary, Greene County
- Social Circle Elementary, Social Circle City
- and Commerce Elementary, Commerce City

The UGA ETTC is serving as math coach for Chase Street and Commerce Elementary. We look forward to intense collaboration with all of our schools to ensure that this year of the grant is the best one yet!



Title II-D Wireless Grant

As part of the Wireless grant, recipients will establish a 1:1 computing environment in at least one Title I middle or high school classroom within the local school system. For the 2006-2007 school year, we are supporting one grant recipient school, A.W. Carson Middle School in Greene County. This 1:1 Wireless grant recipient will focus on deploying a wireless network within instructional areas of the school building. The UGA ETTC supports the Wireless grant by providing consultative, technical and instructional services.



Custom Classes

Do your schools and teachers have a need for technology training? The UGA ETTC is happy to provide custom classes designed around your hardware, software, and scheduling needs. Some custom classes we have offered in the past are:

- Kidspiration and Inspiration
- Dreamweaver
- Integrating Technology into the Curriculum: Using Microsoft Office Across the Curriculum
- Interactive Whiteboards
- Classroom Performance System
- Online Assessment System

Let us know of your needs, and let's plan something special for your teachers today.



EDIT 4150/6150 Building Technology Bridges in Education

Our per-semester course for pre-service teachers has begun for the Fall 2006 semester. This course focuses on building technology bridges between methods, context, and content. It also introduces ideas, concepts and strategies for integrating modern technology into classroom teaching. Fifty-eight elementary pre-service teachers are taking the Tech Bridges class this fall and have been introducing new technology bridges and lessons into classrooms in twelve elementary schools in our service region.

Technology Tribute

This month we are featuring a portable piece of technology that we believe teachers will use because of its ease of operation and flexibility of use.

The ELMO is a small visual presenter that can be used to display 3-D, opaque objects such as insects, calculators, maps, and student writing. See how students and teachers in our service area are using the ELMO to enhance teaching and learning:

- Showing artifacts such as seashells, sand, and plants
- Modeling writing
- Displaying pictures of animals from a book—thinking of common things to come up with a definition
- Displaying and discussing maps
- Showing a game board for whole class participation
- Showing passages in a book to complete graphic organizers
- Showing money transactions
- Displaying a tray of objects for a “What’s Missing” game

The list goes on and on. See what the ELMO can do for your schools!



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