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Spring 2003

Celebrations!

This is a semester of celebrations! We are moving forward with the final stages of Project THREAD by celebrating your accomplishments and achievements. The success of our project can only be measured by the success of each participant.

Several faculty mini grant recipients have been accepted to speak at the upcoming SITE (Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education) conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dr. R.R. Apache from Educational Leadership, Dr. Susan Miller and Dr. Pam Campbell from Educational Psychology, Dr. David Hassenzahl from Environmental Science and Dr. Greg Brown from Liberal Arts will all be presenting topics related to their Project THREAD mini grants.

Congratulations are in order for Risa Weiss who will be transitioning into the Project Manager position with the IBM Reinventing Education Project - Clark County Collaborative. Risa has recently been accepted into the Teacher Education doctoral program in the department of Curriculum and Instruction. Since 1999 Risa has served as Project THREAD's Project Coordinator and professional development specialist and has been a key contributor to the success of the project.

Leanna Archambault has moved to a new position as Teacher Development Coordinator with the GEAR UP grant. Leanna joined Project THREAD in 2001 and has served as our Educational Technology Specialist. She has applied to the Learning and Technology doctoral program in the department of Educational Psychology and will be taking classes this semester. Leanna will continue to teach ICE 234 so we will still see her around.

Congratulations to Risa and Leanna. We wish them well in their new positions!



2003 Mini Grant Request for Proposals

The Project THREAD mini grant program is designed to provide professional development opportunities as well as a stipend to faculty who initiate proposals to integrate technology into their preservice courses. Our partnership with the University Teaching and Learning Center supports professional development through workshops and one-on-one assistance.

We will be releasing our request for mini grant proposals the first week in February. This year we are seeking new participants and projects that involve collaboration with prior recipients. We encourage you to contact us to discuss your ideas and receive feedback prior to submitting your proposal.

Proposals will be accepted until Friday, February 28th and mini grants will be awarded on March 7th. Workshops and professional development will occur during spring semester and summer session one and stipends will be paid at the end of summer session one. The RFP will be distributed in mailboxes, email and published on the Web at www.unlv.edu/projects/THREAD.

If you are able to attend the first session of workshops at the TLC beginning February 5th, you are encouraged to do so. You can register at http://tlc.unlv.edu/s03_teach.html. This would be a great way to jump start a mini grant!

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Tips and Tricks

Here are a few tips and tricks to help you work more efficiently with technology. These were gathered from the most popular questions we receive from faculty. Call or stop by our offices in CEB 380, 399i or 399j if you would like more assistance.



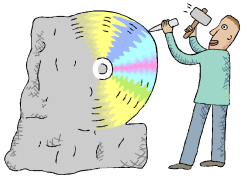
MS Office

If you are creating a table in MS Word that is multiple pages in length and you would like the heading row to display

on each page, simply highlight the row you wish to duplicate and from the "Table" drop down menu, select "Heading Rows Repeat."

To repeat your last action in a Microsoft Office program, immediately select the text where you would like it repeated and press "Control" and "Y" at the same time. This works great if you have to highlight several lines of text, perform numerous deletions or add or remove lines or columns from tables.

If the automatic formatting of bulleted and numbered lists is driving you mad, simply select "Tools" from the menu bar, then "Auto Correct Options" and "Auto format as you type." From there you can check or uncheck the auto formatting options as you prefer.



CD/R or CD/RW?

A CD-R is a CD that can only be recorded on once. It can be used in standard CD players. A CD-RW can be recorded over, but cannot be used in all CD players. CD recorders can play both types of media.



FTP

File Transfer Protocol is the method used to upload files to the World Wide Web. In order to use FTP, you must have the web address to which the files will be sent as well as a login and password. Managing files on the Web is just like managing them on your hard drive. You create folders for your documents and you access

them by typing the complete file path including the Web address, folder, and file name. Most Web design programs feature an FTP function. You can also download software for free at

<http://www.download.com>.

Planning Initiative

The Project THREAD Planning Initiative has been an ongoing goal since our inception in 1999. Our purpose is to help faculty in the College of Education strive for systemic change in implementing technology integration in preservice classes. As we approach the final phase of our project, this goal is critical in building upon the successful results we have witnessed thus far.

In order to provide the maximum support for faculty in the time we have left, we will be contacting each of you to discuss your progress with technology integration. These brief sessions will help us complete an implementation matrix for each course and determine where we can be of most assistance. We are developing a clear "snapshot" of where the college stands in terms of systemic integration of technology. We will also be collecting artifacts and samples of student projects.

In exchange for a small amount of your time, we will be providing several incentives. We have many offerings from which you can choose. We have licenses for Adobe Acrobat Writer for both MAC and PC. We also have copies of the 371 page ISTE *National Education Standards for Teachers* book. You may also be interested in software and handbooks for Tom Snyder Productions, Workshops for Teachers for Word, Excel and PowerPoint. These pieces come with classroom examples created by students and teachers. In addition to these, we offer technical support services and a faculty multi-media workstation center with Mac and PC digitizing stations. We look forward to meeting and sharing with you!



Technology Support

We greatly appreciate the dedication of Mitch Au and his team of Lab Monitors and Graduate Assistants for the outstanding work they did in the fall as we transitioned the equipment reservation and delivery system to their hands. This project was handled successfully and smoothly and we are grateful for their continued support of our grant initiatives. To reserve equipment, please contact the Lab Monitors at 895-3778 or email ceb211@ccmail.nevada.edu.