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Creating Your Own PLN

Developing your own Personal Learning Network (PLN) is simple. We have all had them, whether it was the teacher down the hall, the mentor we were assigned with our first teaching job, our favorite professional organization, or the texts that we gathered to help us learn. Today, a PLN may still be composed of all of those parts, but may also include so much more. In fact, it may be overwhelming trying to figure out how to start with so many resources available through the Internet, instant communication tools and digital media. Follow these simple steps to get yourself started.

1. Organize and gather information, what tools do you use? Who do you connect with? How do you want to learn? When do you want to learn?
2. Choose a few new tools to add to your PLN, Join Read
3. Comment and Respond to others' posts that you read and/or listen to
4. Create and Share. Chose a tool to share your own experiences and information.

One of the simplest ways to create your own PLN is to make your own Goggle homepage, selecting widgets that meet your own personal learning needs. Create a Google Account on Google.com Then go to iGoogle (www.google.com/ig) to create your own personalized web browser page.

Make RICE Part of Your Personal Learning Network (PLN)

Learning is no longer found in a static place, book or resource. It is an evolving system of virtual and personal connections, resources, and communities. Attending the [RICE Technology in January Mini Conference](#) will provide you the opportunity to develop your own

Personal Learning Network (PLN). Today you will meet educators from throughout the region who want to enhance student learning through technology. These individuals bring their passion to innovate, collaborate and educate their classrooms and

community. Each of you come today, bringing outstanding experiences and knowledge to share with each other. While this booklet provides you with a list of presenter contact information, be sure to take time to introduce yourself to the person next to you and exchange emails.



Ginger Long, RICE President

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Illinois Computing Educators leads the educational community in enhancing learning through technology. Our 3000 members are comprised of K-12 and university educators, technology coordinators and leaders, library media specialists, school administrators, and industry vendors who are dedicated to supporting and promoting innovative education for all.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT—Members can receive support and professional development opportunities through ICE's collaborative communities. Nine local chapters meet throughout the state at regular times during the year to share ideas and explore new instructional technology resources. From our annual ICE Conference to regional mini-conferences, blogs, nings, wikis and other tools, ICE members stay current with educational technology.

ADVOCACY --ICE has built partnerships with other educational organizations by being the premier education technology visionary and voice for Illinois.

TECH 200X is a not-for-profit initiative supported by ICE and a broad range of education and business organizations. Since 1990, students and teachers have set up demonstration tables at the Capitol building in Springfield, Illinois to show elected officials, business leaders, and the general public how technology is being used in schools. Its purpose is two-fold: 1) to raise awareness of the critical role technology plays in preparing students to succeed in today's world; and 2) to show the need for increased funding for classroom technology.

PARTNERSHIPS—ICE has professional partnerships with many organizations including leading businesses in communications and technology, ISTE, ISBE, ISLMA, IASBO and more.

MEMBER BENEFITS --ICE members enjoy many benefits as part of their membership package.

ICE Conference --the annual 4 day conference includes 2 days of pre-conference hands-on workshops, over 100 vendors, key note speakers, and breakout sessions covering innovative and current best practices in educational technology.

ICE Cube is the quarterly ICE publication mailed to you with archived editions hosted on our website. ICE Cube contains relevant information on best practices, standards based learning, and resources for your educational environment to successfully integrate technology and learning.

Atomic Learning—free access to hundreds of “just in time” short learning modules on software, hardware and technology integration. A monthly password is provided to you via email.

Big Deal Books— An easy-to-use, biweekly resource of grants, timely articles of interests, interactive Web sites and free materials.

The ICE Scholarship program supports ICE members and their children in advancing their degree, registering for workshops or taking on-line classes.

Member Yearly Awards:

ICE Technology Educator of the Year

Outstanding Contributor to Technology Award

Making It Happen Award from ISTE



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Resources for Learning

Atomic Learning

www.atomiclearning.com

This subscription service provides “just in time” learning for its members in areas that include almost all softwares found in the educational setting, hardware (including cameras, scanners, and more), classroom integration models, differentiation and assistive technology resources, and staff workshop development.

Atomic Learning is a free benefit with membership to ICE. Moline School and Rock Island School Districts also offer this to their staff as well.

International Society for Technology in Education

www.iste.org

International professional organization that supports enhancing learning through the use of technology. ISTE writes the standards used by the US Department of Education in developing CORE Standards for 21st Century Learners. ISTE publishes several professional journals; provides advocacy at the federal level; disseminates information and resources; recognizes outstanding world educational leaders; and has a yearly conference where over 15,000 like minded individuals gather for networking, learning and sharing.

Illinois Computing Educators

www.iceberg.org

As the state affiliate of ISTE, ICE provides to its members many resources for professional development and networking through their annual conference, local affiliates, SIGs, and journal.

Rock Island Area Computing Educators

www.iceberg.org/rice

RICE is one of 8 local chapters of ICE that serves educators in the northwest portion of Illinois. All ICE chapters are open for anyone to attend their local events and meetings. RICE provides two annual mini conferences for its members, newsletters, blog information and support for the Students Involved with Technology Conference

Whiteboards

SMART

<http://exchange.smarttech.com/#tab=0>

Find lesson plans, templates, and resources. Connect to teachers using SMART technologies.

Promethean Planet

<http://www.prometheanplanet.com/en-us/>

Find lesson plans, templates, and resources. Connect to teachers using Promethean technologies.



iPads in the Classroom Resources

- * *Appivities-It's the application of apps*
- * *Blooms Taxonomy and Apps*
- * *Camilla Gagliolo: iLearn*
- * *I Educational Apps Review*
- * *iSchool Initiative*
- * *Squidacious*
- * *Tony Vincent, Learning in Hand*

Differentiation and Assistive Technology AT Conferences:

- * *Closing the Gap*
- * *Assistive Technology Industry Association AT Listservs:*
- * *Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology Services Consortium*

AT Podcasts:

- * *A.T. Tipscast*
- * **AT Publications:**
- * *The Practical (and fun) Guide to Assistive Technology in Public Schools; Christopher Bugaj, Sally Norton-Darr; ISTE; 2010*
- * *Journal of Special Education Technology*
- * *Closing the Gap Solutions*

AT Websites:

- * *Special Education Technology, British Columbia*
- * *Center for Implementing Technology in Education*

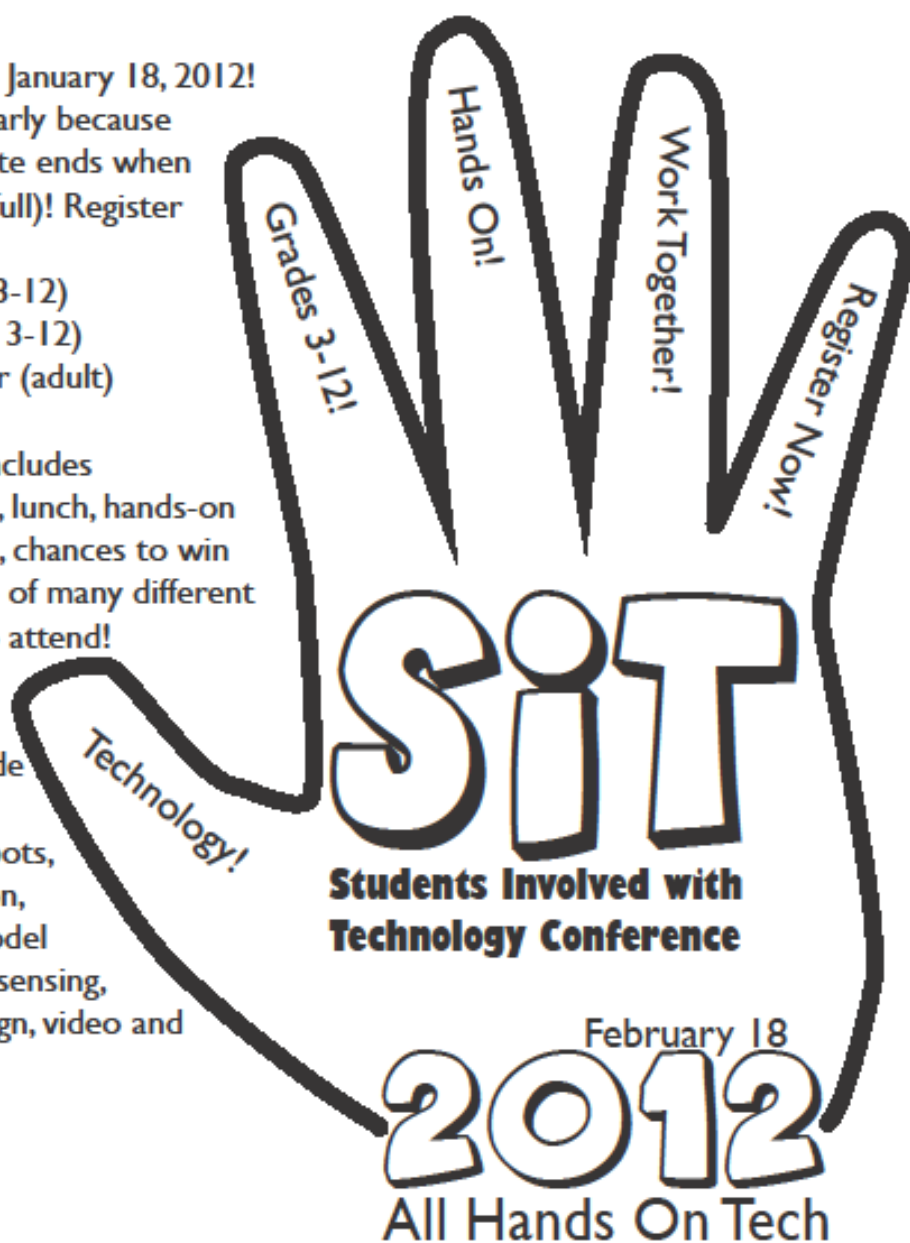
REGISTER before January 18, 2012!

Consider registering early because registration for each site ends when the conference site is full! Register for \$25 as a(n)...

- ⇒ attendee (grades 3-12)
- ⇒ presenter (grades 3-12)
- ⇒ presenter Sponsor (adult)

CONFERENCE includes keynote speaker, snack, lunch, hands-on activities, competitions, chances to win prizes and your choice of many different technology sessions to attend!

TECHNOLOGY sessions likely to include photo editing, sprites, digital art, karaoke, robots, programming, animation, game development, model rocket design, remote sensing, google earth, logo design, video and much, much more!



Conference will be held at:

**GLENVIEW
MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

⇒ 3100 7th Street

⇒ East Moline, Illinois 61244

More information available at: WWW.SITCONFERENCE.ORG

This conference is sponsored by the Bloomington-Normal Education Alliance, Illinois State Board of Education and State Farm

Technology in January Mini-Conference

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Presented by RICE

NETWORKING!!!

MUCH, MUCH MORE!!

8:00 am till Noon

12 breakout sessions

United Township High School

Cost \$10 for ICE/ITEA members; \$20 for non members
(includes continental breakfast, snacks and door prizes)

DOOR PRIZES!!!

MINI CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Join us for the 3rd RICE Annual Mini Conference. Choose from 12 sessions offered over 3 hours featuring education applications of technology hardware, software and so much more. Be sure to put your name in for door prizes that will be drawn at the end of the day.

A little descriptive information about the breakout sessions:

Spotlight Speaker, Teri Rossman - Teri has had classroom experience from preschool through college age for the past 10 years. She has served as a teacher; administrator; Technology Director and Curriculum Director. She has written several successful competitive grants for school districts and was awarded the ICE 2009 Educator of the Year award for Technology Administrators. Teri will be presenting three separate sessions.

Using the iPad for Classroom Assessments: Teachers will learn methods of assessing student knowledge by using free screencasting apps. Discover how easy it is to create and show short videos!

Free and Useful Web Tools for Every Classroom: Teachers will learn some free and easy to use web sites for classroom use.

Flipped Classroom Ideas: Discover how to "flip" your classroom strategies using technology as your teaching partner.

iPad Sessions

Using iPads in the Classroom presented by Carol Schoening, RISD #41 Teacher
Hands on learning opportunity to discover how iPads can be used in your classroom. Learn about writing, photography and small group projects for your classroom. Ideas can be modified for any grade group.

What's the Fuss? Presented by Ginger Long, RISD #41 Teacher
Everybody is talking about iPads, but what is all the fuss about? Come play with iPads and a few apps to learn how they work. This session is for anyone who has not used an iPad before to gain hands on knowledge.

Managing iPads Presented by Time Green, CCB #36 Principal
Now that you have your iPads, how do you manage keeping them updated, loaded with apps and charged up. This is a nuts and bolts session that will offer suggestions and practical advice for anyone with a few or many iPads.

Innovative Technology Sessions

Whiteboards to Differentiate Instruction presented by Pat Nussear, UTHS Teacher

Whiteboards can be used to differentiate instruction, provide small group work and instruct whole classrooms. See how this special education classroom teacher uses her board. Strategies and resources are applicable to all content areas regardless of the type of whiteboard that your school may use.

Whiteboards in the Content Areas presented by Jackie Leach, UTHS Teacher

Discover how this science teacher uses whiteboards in her classroom. Strategies and resources are applicable to all content areas regardless of the type of whiteboard that your school may use.

Assistive Technology presented by Perry Bentson, RISD #41 Teacher

Assistive Technology is defined as any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of a child with a disability. Come explore what is available for you to use to differentiate and enhance learning in your classroom. You'll be surprised by what you already have available to you!

Google Docs presented by Jerry Johansen, LTC Director and RIROE #49

This hands-on presentation will get you started using Google Docs in your classroom for assignment collection, collaborative works, tests, and surveys. You must have a Google account for this session. Sign up for one in advance at Google.com if you do not already have a gmail or other Google account.

Digital Photography Sessions

Your Pictures Look Great! Presented by Rick Miers, Retired RISD #41 Teacher

Do people say that about your pictures? Improve your skills with tips and techniques for using your digital camera in school, home and everywhere in between. This session is for beginning and experienced photographers.

Now What Do I Do with my Pictures? Presented by Nancy Licko, UTHS Teacher

Take the opportunity to explore free online software that allows you to create and communicate content area learning through digital images. We will look at the websites Big Huge Labs and Picnik and discover ways to light up your curriculum.



When? Saturday, January 21, 2012 8:00 AM - NOON

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Where? United Township High School

1275 Avenue of the Cities, East Moline

Cost? \$10.00 for members (includes all ICE and Chapter members) & \$20.00 for Non-members

TIME	SESSION	TITLE	PRESENTER
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Registration, refreshments, welcome & Spotlight Speaker Terri Rossman		
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Session 1	Free & Useful Web Tools for Every Classroom	Terri Rossman
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Session 1	Assistive Technology in the Classroom	Perry Bentsen
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Session 1	Using iPads in the Class-	Carol Schoening
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Session 1	Google Docs in the Class-room	Jerry Johansen
9:30 - 9:45 AM	Break Take time to Network with fellow educators		
9:45 - 10:45 AM	Session 2	Flipped Classroom Ideas	Terri Rossman
9:45 - 10:45 AM	Session 2	Whiteboards to Differentiate Instruction	Patrice Nussear
9:45 - 10:45 AM	Session 2	What's the Fuss?	Ginger Long
9:45 - 10:45 AM	Session 2	Your Pictures Look Great	Rick Miers
10:45 - 11:00 AM	Break Take time to Network with fellow educators		
11:00 - NOON	Session 3	Using the iPad for Classroom Assessments	Terri Rossman
11:00 - NOON	Session 3	Whiteboards in the Content Areas	Jackie Leach
11:00 - NOON	Session 3	Managing iPads	Tim Green
11:00 - NOON	Session 3	Using Digital Images in the Classroom	Nancy Licko
12:00 - 12:15	Stay for lots of door prizes		

RICE Mini Conference



Registration Form



Please be sure to mark the box (X) for 3 sessions that you would like to attend. Approximately 20 spots available for each session time, choose one Session for each time slot. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members, payment is the day of conference. (Be sure you have a Session 1, 2 & 3 marked or you will be put in a session that does not fill.)

Choose a session for each time slot (X)	SESSION	TIME	TITLE
	Session 1	8:30 - 9:30 AM	Free & Useful Web Tools for Every Classroom
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	Session 2	9:45 - 10:45 AM	Whiteboards to Differentiate Instruction
	Session 2	9:45 - 10:45 AM	What's the Fuss?
	Session 2	9:45 - 10:45 AM	Your Pictures Look Great
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	Session 3	11:00 - NOON	Whiteboards in the Content Areas
	Session 3	11:00 - NOON	Managing iPads
	Session 3	11:00 - NOON	Using Digital Images in the Classroom
DATE: JANUARY 21, 2012 TIME: 8:00 AM - NOON			
LOCATION: United Township High School			

Fill out the form on the next page as well and mail or fax in both pages. Payment can be made before the conference or must be paid at the door the day of the conference.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REGISTRATION FORM

3rd Annual Mini Conference

NAME _____ IEIN # _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME AND NUMBER _____

BUILDING _____ SCHOOL PHONE #: _____

POSITION: (please circle one) Teacher Administrator Other (please explain) _____

HOME ADDRESS (city, state and zip) _____

_____ Grade Level Assignment _____

EMAIL _____

HOME PHONE _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____



Be sure to include both pages of this registration form when mailing or faxing with sessions marked.



Please check box below if you will require a

One week advance registration is asked however walk-ins are welcome. Please note that if you are a walk-in you may not get the sessions you want to attend if they are full.
Mail to: Rock Island County Regional Office of Education, 3430 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, IL 61265 Phone: 309/736-1111 Fax: 309/736-1127

Would you like to get more involved with RICE?

We need your creativity, resources and collaboration to continue building the RICE mini-conferences for our community.

You can help in many ways:

Be a presenter

Invite a co-worker to attend the Mini's

Share information and flyers with other educators

Plan Mini's

Write articles for our Blog or Newsletter

Volunteer with the SIT Conference

Set up/tear down at Mini's

Join our leadership team

Provide suggestions for future topics

Share contacts or resources that could support RICE

Record Mini sessions for archival sharing

Your name: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

Share with us how you would like to be more involved with RICE:



New Memberships Only

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____

School Name _____ Position: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone: () _____

Preferred E-mail Address: _____

(NEW: All membership renewal reminders will be sent via e-mail. You will also be added to the ICE listserv.)

Annual dues payment enclosed (check one):

ICE General Member

\$ 25

Amt. Enclosed: \$ _____

Credit Card Payment Information:

Card Type MasterCard Visa Signature: _____

Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Check home chapter area preference:

- Chicago Area (ICE CAP)
- South Suburban Area (ICE CHIP)
- West Suburban Area (ICE COLD)
- Southern Illinois Area (ICE SI)
- Champaign/Rantoul Area (MICE)
- Northern Suburban Area (NICE)
- Rock Island Area (RICE)
- Springfield Area (SpICE)
- Will/Grundy/Kendall Counties (DeICE)
- Bloomington/Normal Area (IllinICE)
- Other _____

You are automatically subscribed to the Membership Mailing list to take full advantage of your membership with periodic news and information updates important to ICE Members. If you do NOT want to be on this list, please check this box.

NOTE: We are no longer accepting ISTE memberships or renewals. Please do this directly with ISTE.

Make checks payable to ICE and mail with application to:

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