Faculty Professional Development Report on Previously Funded Professional Enhancement Grant to attend the American Association of School Librarians Bi-Annual Conference on November 5-8, 2009 in Charlotte, NC

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Professional Enhancement Opportunity

I requested support to attend and participate in the American Association of School Librarians Bi-Annual Conference on November 5-8, 2009 in Charlotte, NC. I presented a program at the conference that was well attended dealing with The Arkansas Library Media Frameworks that I helped in the writing of. I was also able to attend general meetings, break-out sessions by others, and exhibits that were spectacular.

Review of the Professional Enhancement Opportunity

The conference was well attended with over 1200 participants. I have been able to use materials gathered from the conference in the web LBMD 6013 Reference Materials in the School Library Media Center and EDMD 6233 Administration of Media Services. Information gathered from sessions I attended has also been useful in classes taught during the summer and fall.

Summary

Arkansas Tech's Master of Education in Instructional Technology is currently nationally recognized by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology. We are having to change to the AASL Specialty Program Area Report. This conference is a beginning of the process change that will take place. Any information gathered at this conference will benefit the accreditation process.