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Re: Professional Development Grants: Final Written Report

## Dear Colleagues:

Thanks to the generous financial support from a Professional Development Grant, I was able to participate in the professional development workshop *Improving the College Introductory Astronomy Survey Course for Non-Science Majors Through Active Learning: A Tier I Workshop* (with an astrobiology strand). This workshop, co-sponsored by NASA and the Life and Planets Astrobiology Center (LAPLACE), was presented by Dr. Edward Prather and Ms. Gina Brissenden, from the University of Arizona. This is the final report, as required by the Professional Development Grants guidelines.

Respectfully,

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