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JodiM: I'm from upstate NY. Where are y'all from?

BJB2: thanks, Jodi. We usually start all the Tapped In discussions with introductions.

JodiM: Oh...I'm new to this

JodiM: A natural!

BJB2 nods..yeppers!

BJB2: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

JodiM: Cool!

BJB2: I kind of became the leader of this group through default

KayP: I am from San Marcos, Texas. Home of Texas State University. I used to live in Upstate New York.....Years ago.

JodiM: I teach HS math in NY, but I'm originally from Iowa

KayP: I am a Special Education Facilitator on the high School level.

BJB2: Kay, can you please repeat your earlier request for grants?

BJB2: Jodi, are you looking for specific grants?

KayP: I am looking for information on a grant that supports Instructional Technology.

JodiM: Well, I'm new at searching for grants and I'm looking for technology grants as well

JodiM: I teach in a very poor area, so we need all the help we can get

BJB2: during one of the Web 2.0 Tools discussions I discovered that Lynne Wolters has grants listed on her CU Online site

KayP: How about grants for alternative schools? Are there any out there?

BJB2: <http://cuonline.blog-city.com/>

JodiM: Who is Lynne Wolters?

BJB2: Take a look at that url, Jodi. Lynne leads the Web 2.0 Tools discussions in Tapped In

KayP: Thanks, I will visit her CU site.

BJB2: she has a lot of resources. Grants are on the list

JodiM: thanks!

HeatherBu joined the room.

JodiM: Hi Heather

HeatherBu apologizes for being late.

HeatherBu: Hi, all.

BJB2 waves hi to Heather.

BJB2: we're looking at Lynne Wolter's site <http://cuonline.blog-city.com/>

BJB2: I've added all the sites Lynne has listed for Grants to this room under featured items

ShereeR joined the room.

BJB2: Hi, Sheree!

ShereeR: Howdy Dowdy!

BJB2: we're looking at <http://cuonline.blog-city.com/>

ShereeR: Okey

BJB2: Lynne has some good grant resources

ShereeR: Great!

JodiM: Do you need a password and account to view stuff there?

BJB2: there is a folder for Grant Resources under Featured Items above this chat window

BJB2: no, Jodi. Just scroll down

JodiM: sorry...I got side tracked with cool math ideas!

BJB2: Kay, you'll be glad to know that Sheree is also Special Ed.

JodiM: ahhh..the grant wrangler!

BJB2 nods to Jodi. That's why I chose to show you the whole site instead of just her grants

BJB2: did you get the url, Sheree?

ShereeR: Oh YES, sorry!! I was looking at the podcast question. I have been doing research all week end on podcasting.

BJB2: cool.

JodiM: wow...I found a lot on grant wrangler!

BJB2: there was a really interesting discussion on podcasting during one of the SIGTC discussions. Let me see if I can get the url for you.

ShereeR: So Kay??? Are you still here?? What type of special ed?

KayP: Before I forget, I just sent in my completed exhibit to Dr. Nicolle today. I am half-way through my NETS*T certification. I will complete it during the fall semester through PBS Teacherline Capstone. I just knew you ladies would be proud!

HeatherBu cheers for Kay

JodiM cheers and pats Kay on the back!

KayP: I am actually a Special Education Facilitator at an academic alternative school. I have an office, and I do a lot of IEP's. I do however have five teaching fields....BUT, I am always special ed, no matter where I go!

HeatherBu: Kay, I will be starting the Introductory Capstone in June. I may need to get in touch with you, for advice.

BJB2: Sheree, this is one transcript on podcasting, but not the one I was thinking of <http://ti2data.sri.com/transcripts/mst/2005/20050331sigtcpodcasting.pdf>

KayP: It will be the best thing you could ever do for yourself. My e-mail is listed in my office, along with my web page. Contact me anytime. The course is INTENSE.....You can get 3 graduate hours and you will deserve at least 6.

ShereeR: Thanks BJ!

BJB2: this is the one I was thinking of
<http://ti2data.sri.com/transcripts/mst/2006/20060130sigtcpodcasting.pdf>

HeatherBu: Thanks! Since I'm the only one in my district doing the program, you may be hearing from me quite a bit, Kay.

BJB2 . o O (very inspirational!)

SusanR listens

JodiM: Cool! If I weren't in the middle of grad school, I'd think about it!

SusanR: course??

EmilyW: what course are you talking about?

BJB2: PBS Capstone course

KayP: I'm sure my exhibit will be approved, and I have a very strong "A"....My husband almost left me.....But hey, men come and go. Right?

HeatherBu: PBS/ISTE Teacherline Capstone.

HeatherBu grins at Kay's idea.

BJB2: looks like we're having a potpourri of topics today

BJB2 . o O (should we look at grant writing to find new spouses?)

HeatherBu . o O (I think I'll hang on to mine, thanks anyway, BJ)

JodiM: do you suppose you can write a grant for a spouse?

JodiM: I like mine!

ShereeR: BJ, I am interested in the grant writing, not the spouse LOL

KayP: Emily, go on the PBS Teacherline site. PBS offers a lot of on-line courses. The credit comes from Indiana State or Adams State.....

SusanR . o O (just been arguing with my spouse)

KayP: Let's talk GRANTS. Good idea BJ.....It is the special ed. folks that get things off track.....Sorry

ShereeR: Don't blame me! I am here for grants!!

BJB2: what I had told Kay and Jodi earlier was that I added the grant sites from Lynne's CU Online site that weren't already in the Grant Sources folder

KayP: I wrote a grant back in 2000. It was for assistive technology in the amount of \$27,000. It did get approved but I had to submit it three times. I see the Grant Writing Tips in the above window. I would like to do it right the first time.

BJB2: if you are a member of this group and come across any grants you want to add, please do!

JodiM: Grant writing makes me nervous!

BJB2: yes, there are several documents on the grant writing process, Kay

BJB2: The resources in this room were provided by the group members

SusanR: are there grant writing templates

BJB2: I don't recall templates, Susan. Mostly guidelines

SusanR: ok...for the hurried teacher

KayP: Templates, that would be a good idea.

BJB2: I think one of the guidelines for writing a successful grant...

BJB2: is to make the grant provider aware of how their grant will be used...which doesn't lend very well to a template format.

BJB2: you'll notice that under featured items there is a folder for grant writing tips

JodiM: I already checked that out!

EmilyW: just found a website - <http://www.grantsalert.com/>

SusanR: why not post it Emily

HeatherBu: thanks, Emily.

EmilyW: I am not a member of the group

BJB2: add it to the grants sources folder, Em

EmilyW: or else I would

BJB2 nods.

EmilyW: this is not a topic I am that interested in (or maybe I should be)

HeatherBu . o O (there's always a need for good grant writers, Emily)

EmilyW: no experience with it

JodiM: I wish I knew more!

HeatherBu: How do you get to Carnegie Hall? <g>

EmilyW: anyone here have experience with writing grants?

ShereeR: Oh gosh, yes. I have written and received grants for years and years.

JodiM: I wish but I'm only in my 5th year of teaching...now they tell me that "I'm old enough" to write grants!

KayP: Just that one grant I wrote back in 2000. It was SLIVER funds for assistive technology. It was a sure thing.....I just had to word it properly. Like I said, I had to submit it three times.

SusanR . o O (I have heard that many grant opportunities or \$\$\$ are lost because few people apply for these grants)

EmilyW: a career in grant writing? hmm maybe an idea in the future

ShereeR: Well, I don't know about that. It has been my experience to find the opposite. Many grants are very competitive.

EmilyW: don't think it could work for me

SusanR: I am sure certain ones are quite competitive

BJB2: the key is to find grants that are not well known or that are offered locally

JodiM: I need to go...thanks for the tips! I'll be back for sure!

BJB2: and make the grant provider feel that you are the best person for their grant

BJB2: thanks for joining us, Jodi

SusanR: . o O (I am trying to get a grant from APPLE)

JodiM left the room (signed off).

SusanR: Apple Canada

KayP: I would like to figure out how to do it right the first time. I just got off a site from the above window. <http://www.cpsb.org/abshire/handout.pdf> If this does not link, go to the above window and click on Sheryl Abshire Grant Handbook. That looks like a wonderful resource!

HeatherBu: thanks, all. You've given me some great ideas.

BJB2: Thanks for participating in the great grants discussion, everyone

KayP: Bye Guys..Kay

SusanR: Thanks everyone