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PAECT MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings to all PAECT members,

Our regional directors have been very active providing opportunities for fellowship, networking, and personal learning at various sites throughout PA. Some of the events include Flipped Learning Workshops, EdCamps and regional meetings.

It is hard to believe that the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference is three months away. Our board members have been busy planning for the conference, reading and evaluating session proposals to provide high quality speakers, topical sessions and engaging interactions for all participants at the PETE&C 2014, which will be held February 9-12 in Hershey, PA. The 2014 Program Chairs Connie Sitterley and Shirley Campbell would like to thank all of the volunteers who have given their time the last several weeks to review proposal submissions. It is this anonymous review system that permits us to field quality presentations based on the topic, the research to support it, and the strand to which it is attached.

ISTE 2014 will be held in Atlanta next Summer from June 28 to July 1. Registration is now open. If you are unsure about attending you can find reviews of some of the favorite sessions and check out the conference news archives from ISTE 2013. Pennsylvania will be the host state for ISTE 2015 in Philadelphia, and PAECT will again play a major role in the success of the conference. It is with great pleasure that we would like to announce that Kristin Hokanson has been named the ISTE 2015 Regional Program Chair. She will provide the leadership skills and the background knowledge of instructional technology and its curriculum connections to the task. Congratulations Kristin!

PAECT is planning for the future. Please look for some exciting announcements coming soon.

Have a wonderful, safe and happy holiday season!

Mary Beth Hengelbrok
PAECT President

SC PAECT UPDATE



CHRIS CHAMPION
SC Regional Director

Tech the Halls in Hershey

Join Southcentral PAECT on December 11 at Troegs Brewery in Hershey for "Tech the Halls." Bring your laptop or tablet (and a video dongle if needed for projection) and share some cool technology tools or software you've used this year. Appetizers and cash bar (beer only) from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. Note: this event is limited to 25 attendees. Members may bring a guest. Since this promises to be a fantastic evening, please register early at <http://www.paect.org/south-central-region>



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Connected learning. Connected world.

Make plans to attend the world's premier ed tech conference and exposition—**ISTE 2014**! This dynamic event is going to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, June 28-July 1, 2014.

For more than three decades, ISTE's Conference and Expo has been the premier forum in which to learn, exchange ideas and survey the field of education technology. The event attracts upwards of 18,000 attendees and industry representatives—including teachers, technology coordinators, administrators, library media specialists, teacher educators and policy makers. Attendees enjoy world-class keynotes, hundreds of sessions in a variety of formats, and a massive expo hall.

- Conference registration includes an ISTE membership. As a member of our Affiliate, you will receive a discount on your ISTE membership: \$10 off standard or \$30 off premium.
- Because we have a special relationship with ISTE as an Affiliate, you can register for ISTE's conference at the lowest rate all the way up until May 1, even though prices change for the general public on March 31.
- We have group arrangements at a hotel so we all can stay in the same place. Online hotel reservations began November 14. Look for Special Affiliate Housing to find our hotel block. [Click this link](#) to get started! You should be directed to rooms in the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.
- We will be having a special get together for our members and other attendees from our state during the conference. Watch for details about when and where. It's a great time to gather together and get to know other colleagues from our area.
- Special shout out to our esteemed colleagues who will be presenting at the ISTE conference! Be sure to look for them in the conference planner and support them by attending their sessions.
- **IMPORTANT:** Please be sure to indicate membership in PAECT when you register for the ISTE conference. This is the only way you will receive your discounts and special pricing, and it's the only way our affiliate will receive our special benefits at the conference.

For more information and the latest conference news, visit [this link](#).

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CHRISTY SAVAKINAS
NE Regional Director

East Stroudsburg Area School District is holding its 7th annual Spring Into Technology Event! This event will feature a variety of quality sessions and hands-on workshops focusing on technology integration and differentiated instruction. The event will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2014, with a snow date of April 5, 2014. It will be held at the East Stroudsburg HS South from 8am until 3pm. Registration is \$40 per person with an Early Bird discount of \$25 before February 21, 2014. Interesting in presenting? Share your idea

with us by visiting our event webpage <https://www.esasd.net/sit>.



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2014

Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference

How do I reserve a hotel room for PETE&C?

Room reservations are currently being handled through this website: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/PETEC2014> You can reserve one room at a time on a first come, first served basis. This applies to both Lodge rooms, other Hershey property rooms, and other hotels in the immediate area. Make your reservation before there are no more rooms available!

How and when can I register for PETE&C?

Registration for PETE&C can be handled by visiting https://www.peteandc.org/registration_form.cfm. As of this writing, the registration system was active. Once on this page, look for the START button to access the registration system. Attendees can also check out details of the "Buy 2, Get 1" Registration Promotion as well as all the other registration fees before registering. Most payment methods are accepted at the end of the registration process. Don't forget to include a banquet ticket for the nights you desire!

How can I join PAECT for its annual banquet during PETE&C?

Make sure you select a Monday night dinner ticket when you are going through the registration process. That's all you will have to do to be with us. Watch our social media and email feeds in case we need to communicate additional information to you.

Wait, you mean I can attend both banquets if I want this year?

Yes, the general PETE&C banquet is Tuesday night, while the PAECT annual banquet is Monday. You can sign up for either, both, or neither of the banquets this year.

When will I find out if I am invited to present at PETE&C 2014?

Around the time this newsletter is published, you should have received an email from Connie Sitterly via this email address peteandcpresents@gmail.com indicating whether your proposal was accepted or not. If you had not previously whitelisted this email address, then check your spam folder for a message. If you were selected, whitelist this address so you receive all communications about your chance to present at PETE. Failure to respond to these emails in a timely fashion could result in the loss of a presentation slot.

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What's in it for you? If selected for publication, you can add author to your list of experiences and accomplishments. You'll be able to point friends, family, classmates, colleagues, etc. to our published newsletter and show them your accomplishment.

Articles don't have to be that long - 300 words or less is best, but if you do have an idea that takes more depth, we can work with that too. Don't worry about whether it is grammatically perfect or sounds good either. We have a team of editors and proofreaders that will help to polish it before it goes to publication.

How can you get involved. If you have a question, email either Scott Snyder (ssnyder963@gmail.com) or Lori Sheldon (lorips@mac.com), and we'll answer your question. If you just want to submit an idea, use [this form](#), and we'll be in touch.

Here's to seeing you in the newsletter pages!

BOARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

Time to get involved!

Nominations for the 2014 PAECT Board Elections are now open. Go to <http://www.paect.org/Elections> to nominate yourself or someone else to serve on the PAECT Board!

PAECT Award Nominations Open

At <http://www.paect.org/awards>, you can download a description of the PAECT Awards. Send nominating information to shir@mac.com.

NOMINATE!

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EMBRACING THE POWER OF AUDIO IN THE DIGITAL CLASSROOM: HOW AUDIOBOO IS CHANGING STUDENT LEARNING



By: Matt Bergman , M.Ed.

If you are not familiar with AudioBoo, it is a free social podcasting platform that combines the power of audio and social media to generate a rich educational experience for students and educators. Users can easily create web-based podcasts called “Boos” with a click of a button.

Want resources from experts in the field? Users can search a vast library of unique user-generated content from sources like BBC, CNBC, The Guardian, and Unicef.

AudioBoo can be used on your laptop, tablet, or Smart Phone; however, AudioBoo just launched an Edmodo App. I have used the iPhone App for several months now, but I had no idea how much of a game changer this is for Edmodo. It allows both teachers and students to create audio clips that are easy to upload and share. The best part is that audio clips can be private and contained within your Edmodo group!

Imagine the possibilities for integrating this App into your classroom! Here are a few ways others are already using the App:

THE “YOUTUBE OF AUDIO”

AudioBoo has been described as the “YouTube of Audio” because of its vast library user-generated content. Many teachers are already familiar with using YouTube to illustrate a concept. AudioBoo gives teachers the same option with audio.

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OPTIONS FOR SHOWING WHAT THEY KNOW

Today’s classrooms are more diverse than ever before. Brain research shows us that not all students learn the same way and how we learn is as different as our DNA. Providing options for students to “show what they know” will solidify learning and help students perform better on one-size-fits-all standardized tests.

FLIPPING THE CLASSROOM

The idea of “flipping” the classroom is becoming more popular in 21st Century. If you are not familiar with this concept, it is the idea that students listen to the lecture outside of the classroom and demonstrate their knowledge and ask questions inside of the classroom. In the classroom, the teacher’s role shifts from a lecturer to a facilitator.

EFFICIENT COMMUNICATION

When you are giving directions, have you ever felt like you were repeating yourself over and over? I often use Edmodo to write down our daily agenda and communicate objectives. I use the beginning of class to go over the post and students can reference it throughout the lesson.

CONCLUSION:

In the digital age, we often forget about the power of audio and how important it is to learning. AudioBoo makes it easy to create, share, and engage students in different ways using the power of audio. If Edmodo has transformed your classroom, then you will find that the “You Tube of Audio” will take it to a whole different level.

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KEYSTONES ARE BACK!

The Keystones program is back! In July 2014, the Keystones Summit will take place in Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA. In partnership with Eduspire and PAECT, the Keystones program has been revived to recreate the life-changing experiences many of you had at past summits, events, and online communities.

The Keystones program is a state-wide program that celebrates model practice teachers throughout Pennsylvania. These teachers bring to the classroom new ideas, best practices of teaching and learning, and innovative ways of learning to capture the imaginations of students. A Keystone is a classroom teacher who leverages the benefits of technology to engage instructional practices across his/her content areas. In doing so, the teacher does not focus on the technology itself; rather, s/he focuses on student learning and uses technology as a tool to foster creativity and transformational use.

The vision of the Keystones is to identify those teachers who have the sense of creativity and innovation in teaching and learning where technology is helping teachers transform the learning experience. We want to not only celebrate those teachers, but also to bring them into our community where those ideas can be nurtured and further developed.

Stay tuned for more information regarding the Keystones program such as how to apply to become a Keystone and staff opportunities in upcoming PAECT announcements.

Tom McCee

