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B. Restatement of Professional Enhancement Opportunity

My submitted proposal, “Teachers and Students Need Support Moving Beyond Traditional Literacy to Thrive with Online Assessments in Reading and Writing” was accepted for presentation at the 11th Annual International Conference on eLearning and Innovative Pedagogies Convention being held at St. John’s University Manhattan Campus New York on March 2nd and 3rd. The presenters of this conference were invited to contribute to the journal *The Ubiquitous Learning: An International Journal*. The objectives of my presentation were to establish my research base in my tenure track position by: 1) challenging thinking while building collaboration opportunities on an international level focused on teacher preparation beyond what is happening in the classroom today; 2) inspire an investigation of how teacher preparation and administrative support should be evolving as we prepare for a globalized society with technology integration in our curriculum; 3) to use this as a platform in my position at Arkansas Tech University in which I will return and provide support to fellow faculty members and students as we strive to grow in our research and collaboration with technology and curriculum as we lead the way with the best teacher education program in the state and beyond.

C. Brief Overview

My conference attendance and presentation at was a huge success that has led to two feature presentations in our home state. One presentation with the *Winrock Institution* this past spring and one at the *State Literacy Roundtable* meetings this past summer. In both of these presentations, professors, teachers, and students were in

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attendance. Also, I was accepted for a publication titled, "Online Standardized Testing with Young Children: Teacher's Action Research Cries Out for Help."

D. Summary of Experiences

This was such a meaningful experience for me in many ways. Connecting my content at this conference with others in my field of expertise was just the beginning. It was coming back to our home campus when I could reflect and out into action my ideas. I was able to reach with other opportunities to share and grow with my personal goals, our college goals, and our university goals.

E. Conclusion

In conclusion, I am thankful for this opportunity. My session allowed for collaboration and conversation with members throughout the duration of our presentation which allowed for me to share the amazing things we have going at ATU and to learn more about things that are happening across our nation that are important for growth.

It was also a time that I observed the connectedness of the strategic goals of our nation and how we are seeking the same answerers here at ATU. My attendance was an opportunity to share my ideas with others, collaborate, and put into action new goals that have been successful.

Overall, it was a wonderful experience representing Arkansas Tech University. I am grateful for the funding of this grant which allowed me to participate, and I am grateful for the University Faculty and Staff that give of their time to make this grant successful part of our campus!

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