October 2008 ICN E-News Update

Another Successful In Toto Conference

Over 70 attendees enjoyed the ICN *In Toto* conference on September 25 in Des Moines. Participants included schedulers, ICN site contacts, technology coordinators and others who work with the ICN to help bring Iowans access to education and government. The annual conference features sessions on the technology, issues and strategies that affect all those who work directly and indirectly with the ICN. Watch for next year's conference announcement…a great learning experience for anyone associated with the ICN!

Reviewing ICN training information developed by Judy Bonnstetter at Northeast Iowa Community College, are:
Dick Stufflebeem, Technical Support Specialist-DMACC, Jane Behrens, Johnston Community Schools Site Contact, Judy Bonnstetter, NICC Community College Regional Scheduler, Janelle Archer, Regional Scheduler-DMACC, and Jan Robertson, Regional Scheduler- Kirkwood Community College. Photo courtesy of Heartland AEA.

ICN will be exhibiting at these upcoming conferences… make sure to stop by, say hello and find out what's new at ICN!

ITEC – Marriot Hotel – Des Moines - Monday, October 20-21
Iowa School Counselors Association – Airport Holiday Inn – Des Moines – Monday, November 3-4
Iowa Association of School Boards – Polk County Convention Complex – Des Moines – Thursday, November 20

Highlighted ICN Sessions from IPTV (See ALL sessions available to students at educators at http://www.iptv.org/iowa_database/cal-default.cfm?month=11-13-2008)

Top IBM Exec to visit with students over the ICN

November 11, 2008, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Grades 10-12
Register your students and classes at http://www.iptv.org/iowa_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=9156

A tremendous opportunity for students to learn from one of IBM's top executives! Susan M. Puglia is Vice President, IBM Quality, and Process Transformation for Development and Technical Support will visit with them about the path she took in her career and about following their passion. Puglia is responsible for leading IBM's global, end-to-end, technical support and development transformations, including the leadership of IBM's global quality initiatives.

She is an excellent role model for any student and especially those with an interest in science, math or technology careers. Students will have many opportunities to ask questions and interact!

Career Spotlight: Meteorologist

October 27, 2008, 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
Grades 9-12

Register your students and classes at http://www.iptv.org/iowa_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=9016

Students will meet a central Iowa television meteorologist whose fascination with weather began as a small child. He was frightened by storms in his youth, but this fear eventually grew into curiosity and led him to a career in meteorology. He feels that it is especially important to inform people of threatening weather conditions -- even if it means interrupting a favorite TV show!

Working in a career like this requires knowledge of science and weather as

well as television broadcasting. This meteorologist says, "I love my job. I get to stand there and talk about the weather; it's great."

Heartland AEA ICN News Moves to Blog Format: http://icn-news.aea11.k12.ia.us

For the past eleven years, Heartland's **ICN News** has provided information regarding K-12 educational opportunities via the ICN. The ICN News communicates an overview of AEA 11 ICN activities, IPTV's K-12 Connections Programs, state ICN news, and Iowa Online Course offerings and news. Starting this month, the main content of the ICN News will now be published online in a blog format.

The ICN News Blog will continue to provide helpful contact information regarding ICN instructional and technical support. Please visit the ICN News Blog and pass along this link to your staff to bookmark, or link to your school site. The ICN News Blog offers a comprehensive electronic package of ICN information that can further support distance learning.

In addition, another ICN electronic resource available is the Heartland's ICN Distance Learning Website. http://www.aea11.k12.ia.us/tech/icn/
Heartland's ICN Consultant, Lynee Casper, is available for ICN planning in staff development, program planning, or to provide general K-12 ICN information.

Have an ICN-related topic to share? E-mail gail.mcmahon@iowa.gov!