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| **Name**: Sherry Graham |
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| **I am currently enrolled in the following ITEC program (Select One):**  M.Ed  Ed.S  Ed.D |
| **Semester/Year I began my current M.Ed, Ed.S, or Ed.D ITEC program at KSU:** Fall 2012 |
| **Current GPA in my current M.Ed, Ed.S, or Ed.D ITEC program at KSU**: 4.0 |
| **Current Position:** First Grade Teacher |
| **School District or Organization:** Cobb County Schools |
| **School:** Powder Springs Elementary |
| **Future Career Goals:** I aspire to be a leader in technology within a school district, holding the position of a technology integration specialist to positively impact teacher effectiveness and student learning. |
| **I applied to present at ISTE 2014:** Yes No  **Title of Presentation Proposal:** N/a  **Type of Proposal:** Lecture  Interactive Lecture  BYOD  Poster  Student Showcase  Workshop  **I was accepted to present at ISTE 2014:** Yes No |
| **I have attended the Georgia Educational Technology Conference (GAETC):** Yes No  **If yes, which years?**: n/a  **I have applied to present at GAETC:** Yes No **If yes, which years?**: n/a  **I have presented at GAETC:** Yes No **If yes, which years?**: n/a |
| **I have read and accept the terms and conditions of this scholarship, including that I may be responsible for reimbursing KSU for up to $175 if I fail to attend the conference or fail to meet expectations as outlined in the ISTE 2014 Scholarship Fact Sheet.** Yes No |

1. **In 100 words or less, please explain your K-12 how you have helped advance technology in your own classroom, your school, or other educational settings:**

I currently teach at an economically disadvantaged, Title I school in Cobb County and strive to challenge and engage my first grade learners to enrich their learning each day. Technology helps me channel student energy in a meaningful and productive manner and I have provided students opportunities to explore and create using the available technologies within my school building. Additionally, I have served as a technology leader within my school, hosting a variety of formal and informal Professional Development sessions to staff members regarding various topics. I strive to be up to date with the leading products and policies in EdTech and constantly strive to share that with individual, small, and large groups of educators at my school.

1. **In 100 words or less, please explain how you would like to influence the use of technology in K-12 schools in the future:**

In order to facilitate higher-order thinking and learning, teachers must find a way to be informed leaders that are prepared to provide twenty-first century learners with what they need to be successful members of society. However, effective technology integration is how the teacher uses technology to support clear learning objectives Technology is a vital component in educating students of today to be leaders of tomorrow. I would like to influence staff and students that I come into contact with by promoting critical thinking skills embed technology within lessons to produce high quality students educated by innovative teachers.

1. **In 250 words or less, explain why you want to attend ISTE 2014:**

I would love to attend ISTE 2014 to enrich my personal knowledge and skill set regarding current technology trends in the education world. I am a reflective, innovative, and motivated individual who willingly focuses on learning new things each day with each experience. Best practice is something I am constantly researching in my professional career, and there is literally nothing I enjoy more than learning ways to become the best individual that I can be. Professionally, I am known as a technology leader within my school and colleagues are constantly utilize my knowledge, dispositions, and talents to provide them with insight and ideas regarding ways to successfully integrate technology into their lessons. I would love to be able to pull from rich experiences like the ISTE2014 conference, to provide others with insight on research-based, innovative practices. Being that the students that attend the school that I teach at are considered economically disadvantaged and are at a higher risk for failure, it is critical that I stay informed about the current trends in the educational technology world. My school truly relies on me to fulfill their educational technology needs, and I would be able to share my knowledge and new learning with others. The effect of this scholarship would not stop at personally grasping information. Additionally, while I am an avid internet-researcher, there is nothing like practical experience to learn new practices, which ISTE 2014 would successfully provide me with.

1. **In 100 words or less, please explain how you will share what you learned at ISTE 2014 with others:**

I would share what I learned at ISTE 2014 with others in the instructional technology world. My colleagues as well as school leadership rely on my knowledge in educational technology to facilitate student learning. I would utilize strategies learned and apply them towards the elementary classroom. I would also be able to share practical, innovative technology suggestions with my school. Being a Title I school, Powder Springs Elementary devotes funding to enrich student learning. Leadership seeks to enrich current technology access to students and provide deeper levels of learning using technologies. I would be able to provide a great deal of insight to my administration after attending such a relevant conference.