

Special General Seminar # 3: Movie Support Session

Speaker: Mr. Ken Maxwell, NSF GK-12 STEP IT Coordinator and New Media and Technology Specialist

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Venue: University of Cincinnati, 615A Old Chemistry

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The movie support seminar was given by Mr. Ken Maxwell, who is the IT Coordinator for the NSF Graduate K-12 Fellows project. Mr. Maxwell has worked for the grant for three years as well as doing freelance video and design work. He is a recent graduate from the University of Cincinnati's College of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning (DAAP) with a concentration in Electronic Art. Mr. Maxwell also has a professional certificate in Video Production and is currently pursuing a certificate in animation. Previously Mr. Maxwell received an associate's degree in Electronic Media from the University of Cincinnati with a concentration in Film Studies, Video Production and Electronic Design.

Prior to the session, Mr. Maxwell posted free audio video resources for the RET 2011 Wiki website. This information can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.eng.uc.edu/step/wiki2011/2011/06/27/ret-free-audio-video-resources/>

Mr. Maxwell showed a power point presentation to the participants on how to capture good video for the movie. The power point highlighted examples of what a "good shot" looks like. In addition, he discussed with the group the importance of using a variety of angles when shooting a movie as well as lighting and sound.

After the short presentation, Mr. Maxwell proceeded to walk around the room where he consulted with each group and discussed their individual movie ideas. He coached each group as well as answered questions as they arose. During this time, he set up appointments with each group to assist them in preparing their 5-minute movie as one of the RET deliverables.



RET Participants Watching the Video Making Presentation (left) and Mr. Ken Maxwell Working with a RET Participant (right)