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Blogpost

Being that I am majoring in both Mathematics and Mathematics Education, science gateways will be very beneficial to me. Many people use science gateways for several reasons and different educational materials. I can use the Gateway Catalog, that has a searchable list of existing gateways that I will be able to browse and explore. I can use science gateways for resources for my teaching, that can help me with lesson plans, student activities, parent-teacher interaction and more. When I began to become confused about how I should approach my students about a certain topic, I can use science gateways to help me with that. I can also use science gateways while I am still an undergraduate for resources in my field. Science gateways also offer workshops for students to learn about building or using gateways, as well as internships every summer. I could even develop my own gateways as I began my teaching career. I can participate in the Young Professionals Network, that organizes events and opportunities that support students interested in the use or creation of gateways.

I hope to work with Kevin Elliot, who was my SGCI hackathon mentor. He is Account Manager for consumer Hard Drives in the United States and Canada including all eCommerce, distribution, and Brick and Mortar accounts. His top current accounts include Amazon, New Egg, Microcenter, Fry's, and New Age. He has 25+ years of experience in Consumer Electronics experience. I would hope to work with Kevin because throughout the hackathon, he helped me and my colleagues with a lot of resources. He shared with us his background and why he was helping us with the SimCCS gateway. His background history caught my attention and I would like to learn more about his studies of expertise. He also was very motivating, he told us that we were a team and that we should always help each other. I look forward to science gateways helping me while I am still in college and after I get my degree. I plan to use science gateways to help me as a teacher and to help my student with learning. I also hopefully look forward to being able to work with Kevin or any other gateway professional. I will most definitely use science gateways from this point on.