



Summer Institute I was our introduction to the world of doctoral study. The assignments were designed to bring eighteen strangers into a cohort, who would experience this program together and support each other throughout.

Our first task was to create a brand for our cohort. This included adopting a name, creating a logo, and crafting a mission statement for the cohort. This work was incorporated into our cohort website, www.edtechgiants.com, and

became the basis for our Showcase performance for the previous cohorts at Summer Institute. It was a bonding experience for all, as we discovered each other's talents and learned to work as one body. The highlight for me was when Apollo, our Nao robot, led us in our cohort pledge, thanks to the programming efforts of several of our classmates.

The next assignment involved creating my own personal website, which would display artifacts of my doctoral coursework and my plans for the future. This was a daunting task for me, but I persisted and was pleased with the outcome, my digital portfolio www.ronnieoneill.com. As I progress through the program, it will be updated with my work product, reflections, and memories of my journey. As a result of creating my own website, I have been able to develop websites for several of the projects in other courses. I have also been able to help a local church in Jersey City develop a presence on the Internet by building a website for them. I never would have imagined this before this program, but am so happy that I was able to help this tiny church.

An important part of the portfolio is the professional growth plan. To create this document, I had to reflect on my short-term and long-term goals, and develop a timeline and plan to achieve these goals. This document is a work-in-progress, as my goals are achieved and new goals are identified.