

# GeoMentors

AAG esri Community Newsletter

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Current  
GeoMentor  
Count:  
**586**



Current  
School  
Count:  
**1,936**



## Featured Tweet

 Bethany Hall  
@bhall1021  
@AAGGeoMentors my daughter came home after her first day of AP Human Geography & told me I was on the map! Cool!

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The new school year is off and running and so are our GeoMentors! We're hearing about new and ongoing work with teachers and schools to implement GIS in classrooms this year, and we couldn't be more excited! Keep it up and please **let us know** what you're up to. Read below to tackle our monthly mentor challenge, meet our featured GeoMentor, and check out some available resources that may help you in your GeoMentor efforts. Unsure of how to get started? **Follow these 5 steps**. Not yet registered through our newly launched program this year? **Sign up today**. Let's make this new school year one filled with new educational opportunities using GIS for K-12 students across the country!

## Monthly Mentor Challenge

Every week we hear about new partnerships between GeoMentors and teachers/schools across the US. Well, we'd love to SEE these partnerships and make an ongoing 'Collaboration Collage' to watch our network grow! So this month we challenge YOU to:

**Take a photo of yourself with the teacher and/or school you are working with!**

Pull out your selfie sticks (*carefully*) and smile! Snap a photo with your collaborator or with something representing the school you are working with (e.g. the school building or sign, school apparel, your pick - get creative!). Working with your collaborator remotely? Stitch your selfies together to represent your digital connectivity! We're excited to SEE you!

## GeoMentor Spotlight

*Each month we feature a GeoMentor volunteer to showcase the wonderful talent available in our community to assist K-12 schools.*

**Name:** Annette Ginocchetti

**Position/Affiliation:** Transportation GIS Specialist for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance

## Mentors Matter

*"Good relationships take time, trust, and interaction – honest sharing of goals, information, and chances for both to benefit."*

- Charlie Fitzpatrick, Esri

Check out Charlie's [blog post](#) for some GeoMentoring inspiration!

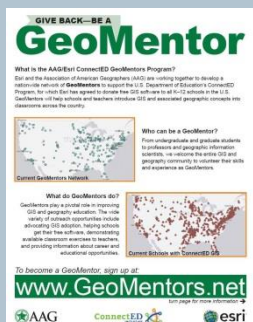
## Join our GeoMentor Online Communities

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AAG GeoMentors Knowledge Community

AAG GeoMentors Facebook Page

Esri GeoNet GeoMentors Group



Share this flyer with your geo-friends and colleagues to help grow our GeoMentor Community!

**What was your favorite class in K-12?** My favorite class while I was in grade school had to be social studies. I was always fascinated by the study of social sciences, trends, and patterns of people's behavior.

**How did you first learn about and/or use GIS?** I'll never forget

approaching David DiBiase, professor of Geography 121: Mapping Our Changing World at the Penn State University Park campus, asking him for permission to join his class after the add/drop deadline. He said without hesitating, "Welcome, why don't you



sit in on a class to make sure it's for you." The very first lecture we learned about netiquette, such as email do's and don'ts, communication skills, networking, and maintaining spatial connections throughout our lives. This was followed by a computer lab studying Esri ArcView 3.2. That's when I discovered I was doing GIS.

**Why did you want to volunteer as a GeoMentor?** I feel a sense of urgency when it comes to empowering my family, friends, and community with GIS tools. Contributing to a network of like thinkers and giving back to my community by improving geography and GIS education is rewarding in itself.

**If someone asked you why they should learn about GIS and/or geography, how would you respond in one sentence?** Introducing GIS to K-12 students inspires a globally competitive and educated workforce.

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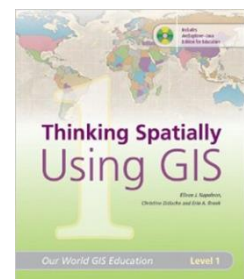
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*Interested in being featured? Go [here](#) for more information. We are excited to learn more about you!*

## Featured Resources

This month we're featuring two great resources that may help structure or inspire your GeoMentoring efforts.

**First**, this summer Esri released a 'refreshed' edition of **"Thinking Spatially using GIS (for ArcGIS Online)"**. Designed for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>



## Report your GeoMentor Activities!

Tell us about your activities and receive your official certificate of participation!



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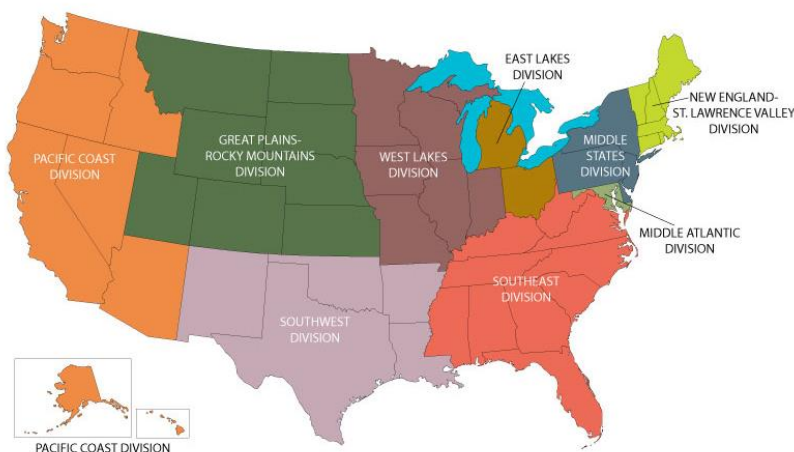


grade geography and science (but suitable for a broader age range based on reading level), these instructional materials are free, require no login or software installation, and are meant for a 1:1 student to computer environment. The activities are teacher-friendly and include both teacher materials and student worksheets.

**Secondly**, Esri's Joseph Kerski has a wonderful YouTube channel, [Geographyuberalles](#), featuring over 2,600 videos on GIS and related topics! [Read more](#) about the channel and its content or check out some of the playlists like '[Creating Storymaps for Education](#)' or a '[Deeper Dive into ArcGIS Online](#)'.

## HELP WANTED: GeoMentors Program Representatives

Attending one of the fall 2015 meetings of the [AAG's Regional Divisions](#)? If so, we could use your help! We want to enlist current GeoMentors to represent and recruit for the GeoMentors program at the [AAG regional division meetings](#) to reach more potential volunteers located throughout the US. There is no structured work schedule; we simply ask that you tell your fellow meeting attendees, colleagues, and geo-friends about the program, its goals, and how they can get involved. We can send you a packet of materials to help.



We celebrate each and every GeoMentor registration and now you could be a part of growing our community! Contact [geomentors@aaq.org](mailto:geomentors@aaq.org) if you are interested and let us know what meeting you are attending. The AAG's regional division meetings are a great venue for meeting geographers, hearing about a variety of research in geography, or presenting your own work! [Learn more](#) about the AAG's regional divisions and check out the [2015 meeting dates and locations](#).

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