

USDLA Award Winners

The United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) presented its 2010 International Distance Learning Awards in conjunction with the 2010 National Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. USDLA is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit association, founded in 1987, as the nation's leading distance learning organization. The association reaches 20,000 people globally with sponsors and members operating in and influencing 46% of the \$913 billion U.S. education and training market.

These prestigious International Awards are presented annually to organizations and individuals engaged in the development and delivery of distance learning programs. Included in the recognition ceremony were awards for 21st Century Best Practice, Best Practice for Distance Learning Programming, Excellence in Distance Learning Teaching, Outstanding Leadership by an Individual, Hall of Fame and Eagle Awards.

The USDLA International Awards are closely followed by the distance learning industry. "As a premier organization for the entire distance learning profession, we enjoy honoring some of the leaders in the industry," said Dr. John G. Flores, CEO of USDLA. "Each year these winners raise the bar and exceed best practice expectations for the industry as a whole and we are truly honored by their contributions to the distance learning industry."

The USDLA Awards were created to acknowledge major accomplishments in distance learning and to highlight those distance learning instructors, programs, and professionals who have achieved and demonstrated extraordinary results through the use of online, videoconferencing, satellite and blended learning delivery technologies.

"USDLA takes great pride and responsibility in recognizing excellence and quality that benefit the entire industry. Through distance learning, education, and training we can provide access to the world's best award winning opportunities for school children, connect higher education students globally and transform the lives and careers of working adults. We are truly on the edge of something great and these winners clearly demonstrate and confirm the transformative powers of distance learning globally," said Reggie Smith III, president of USDLA.

For the 2010 International Awards program, USDLA focused upon several major areas that exemplify the dynamic nature of distance learning. Please join us in honoring the following 2010 USDLA Award Winners, which include the following:

BEST PRACTICES AWARDS FOR DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMMING

PLATINUM

AOPA Air Safety Foundation
Online Technology ~ Institutional

President Lincoln's Cottage at the Soldiers'
Home—A National Trust Historic Site
Online Technology ~ Institutional

GOLD

Office of Distance Education—
Department of Foreign Languages
Videoconferencing ~ PreK-12

Thinking Accelerator Featuring
HBDIinteractive
Online Technology ~ Corporate

Florida Virtual School (FLVS) and
University of Central Florida (UCF)
Online Technology ~ Pre K-12/
Higher Education

SILVER

Boston University – Master of Science in Health
Communication (MSHC) Program
Online Technology ~ Higher Education

Rosettastone Classroom
Online Technology ~ Pre K-12

BRONZE

Centrax Corporation & the Center for Health
Behavior Research at the University of
Pennsylvania: NEMS – Nutrition Environment
Measures Survey Online Training
Online Technology ~ Corporate/Higher
Education

K¹² Inc. / Honors Earth Science
Online Technology ~ Pre K-12

Tobacco Interventions Project, Professional
Development Program, Rockefeller College,
University at Albany
Online Technology ~ Higher Education

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Online Technology ~ Pre K-12

**BEST PRACTICES AWARDS FOR
EXCELLENCE IN
DISTANCE LEARNING TEACHING**

PLATINUM

Teresa Sheree Crites, English and
Language Arts
Videoconferencing ~ Pre K-12

Erin Radke
Online Technology ~ Pre K-12

GOLD

Cristine Clarke, EdD
Online Technology ~ Pre K-12

Janae Cardel, Commonwealth
Connections Academy
Online Technology ~ Pre K-12

Dr. Michael K. Moore
Online Technology ~ Higher Education

Dr. Theresa Pesl Murphrey
Online Technology ~ Higher Education

SILVER

Barbara Hallums, Wilson County School System
Online Technology ~ Pre K-12

NASA Digital Learning Network
Online Technology ~ Government

BRONZE

Harry Starn, Jr., MS, CFA, CFP, California
Institute of Finance
Online Technology ~ Higher Education

TEACH TEC

Online Technology ~ Higher Education

**OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP BY AN
INDIVIDUAL IN THE FIELD OF
DISTANCE LEARNING**

Barbara Dreyer, Cofounder, President and CEO,
Connections Academy, LLC.
Online Technology ~ Pre K-12

Beverly Knox-Pipes, Assistant Superintendent,
Genesee Intermediate School District
Online Technology ~ Pre K-12

Ron Packard, CEO, K¹² INC.
Online Technology ~ Pre K-12

Alan D. Greenberg, Wainhouse Research
Online Technology ~ Corporate

Dr. Robert W. Mendenhall, President,
Western Governors University
Online Technology ~ Higher Education

Somnath Basu, PhD
Online Technology ~ Higher Education

Dr. Michael Behrmann
Online Technology ~ Higher Education

Dr. Timothy K. Webb, Tennessee
Commissioner of Education
Online Technology ~ Pre K-12

Ian Tebbett, PhD, Founder and Director, Forensic Science Program, University of Florida
Online Technology ~ Higher Education

21ST CENTURY AWARDS FOR BEST PRACTICES IN DISTANCE LEARNING

AEC Global Teamwork, PBL Lab, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University
Online Technology ~ Higher Education

Genesee Network for Educational Telecommunications (GenNET), Genesee Intermediate School District
Online Distance Learning Design ~ Pre K-12

Joint Knowledge Development and Distribution Capability, Joint Knowledge Online
Online Technology ~ Government/Military

Stevens Institute of Technology—
Webcampus Division
Online Technology ~ Higher Education

K¹² Inc.
Online Technology ~ Pre K-12

Project Echo, University of New Mexico, Health Sciences Center
Videoconferencing ~ Higher Education

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
Other Distance Learning Design ~ Pre K-12

USDLA 2010 Hall of Fame

Dr. Ellen Wagner, executive director, Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications (WCET) and partner/principal analyst for Sage Road Solutions. Over her 25-year career, Dr. Wagner has built a strong reputation in learning-technology circles. A former Colorado educator, she served as a tenured professor and administrator at the University of Northern Colorado for 11 years. For the past 15 years, she has held executive positions

with companies such as Macromedia and Adobe Systems, managing their worldwide higher education and e-learning business and developing learning strategies and business solutions.

Dr. Farhad (Fred) Saba, CEO, Distance-Educator.com and professor of educational technology, San Diego State University. Dr. Saba has been involved in the field of distance education since 1971 as a manager, researcher, and professor. He has managed large scale distance education organizations and programs, conducted research for verifying key constructs in the theory of distance education, taught courses on distance education at San Diego State University using advanced technologies, and contributed to building the theory of the field.

USDLA 2010 Eagle Award


The Eagle Award is presented to a nationally recognized public official that has demonstrated unique leadership in the public policy arena and has a long-standing record of educational technology support as well as the support of the USDLA mission, which includes serving the needs of the distance learning community by providing advocacy, information, networking and opportunity. This year USDLA recognized Alabama Governor Bob Riley for his commitment to providing greater educational opportunities within his state.

Julie Young, chair of USDLA Board of Directors and president/CEO of Florida Virtual School (FLVS), noted that, "Once again this year's award winners represent many of the most innovative leaders in the field of distance learning." She continued, "I also look forward to seeing these leaders again during our 2010 USDLA Public Policy Forum in Washington, D.C., September 22, 2010 and during National Distance Learning Week (<http://www.ndlw.org>), November 8-12, 2010."

ABOUT UNITED STATES DISTANCE LEARNING ASSOCIATION (USDLA)

The United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) is a nonprofit association formed in 1987 and is located in Boston, Massachusetts. The association reaches 20,000 people globally with sponsors and members operating in and influencing 46% of the \$913 billion U.S. education and training market. USDLA promotes the development and application of distance learning for education and training and

serves the needs of the distance learning community by providing advocacy, information, networking and opportunity. Distance learning and training constituencies served include pre K-12 education, higher and continuing education, home schooling as well as business, corporate, military, government and telehealth markets. The USDLA trademarked logo is the recognized worldwide symbol of dedicated professionals committed to the distance learning industry. <http://www.usdla.org>



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