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USDLA 2017 International Awards Presented for Excellence in Distance Learning for Individuals, Organizations and Companies Honoring their Outstanding Achievements.

World's most prestigious distance learning awards were presented yesterday in Indianapolis, Indiana for excellence in distance learning to individuals, organizations and companies.

Indianapolis, IN (PRWEB) May 2, 2017 -- The United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) presented its 2017 International Distance Learning Awards in conjunction with the 2017 National Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. USDLA is a 501(c) 3 non-profit 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 dollar 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 Distance Learning, Outstanding Leadership, Innovation, Excellence in Teaching/Training, Global Impact, Quality Research Paper, Hall of Fame, and Eagle.

The USDLA International Awards are closely followed by the distance learning community. "As the premier organization for the entire distance learning profession, USDLA enjoys honoring leaders within the industry," said Dr. John G. Flores, Executive Director of USDLA. "Each year these recognized leaders raise the bar and exceed best practice expectations for the industry as a whole and we are truly honored by their contributions within all distance learning constituencies."

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.

"This year's USDLA Award recipients represent the finest examples of online courses, best practices, and leadership in our field. The depth and breadth of the USDLA membership allows us to engage with leaders from higher education, K-12, industry, military, and government who daily demonstrate the power of distance learning. We are so proud and excited to be able to recognize this level of excellence," said Mr. Ken Conn, President of USDLA.

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For the 2017 International Awards program, USDLA focused upon several major areas that exemplify the dynamic nature of distance learning. Please join us in honoring the following 2017 USDLA Award Winners, which include the following:

USDLA 21st Century Distance Learning Award

*Southern New Hampshire University
College of Online and Continuing Education
Online Technology ~ Higher Education*

*University of Central Oklahoma
Center for eLearning and Connected Environments
Online Technology ~ Higher Education*

*Western Governors University
Online Technology ~ Higher Education*

USDLA Outstanding Leadership Award

*Michelle Duran, Ph.D.
Online Technology ~ Higher Education*

*Thomas Cavanagh, Ph.D.
Online Technology ~ Higher Education*

USDLA Innovation Award

*Algebra By Hand™
Online Technology ~ Education*

*Constellation for Ashford University
Online Technology ~ Higher Education*

*The Cleveland Museum of Natural History
Online Technology ~ Education*

*Oral Roberts University
Reaching Every Persons World
Augmented and Virtual Reality
Online Technology ~ Higher Education*

*University of Central Oklahoma
Center for eLearning and Connected Environments
Online Technology ~ Higher Education*

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*Triseum's Variant: Limits
Online Technology ~ Education*

USDLA Excellence in Teaching/Training Award

*Dr. Connie Reece
Online Technology ~ Higher Education*

*Julia Cronin-Gilmore, Ph.D.
Online Technology ~ Higher Education*

*Professor Kinda Wilson
Spears School of Business Online Learning
Oklahoma State University
Online Technology ~ Higher Education*

*Lisa Ullmann
AP Mathematics
Florida Virtual School
Online Technology ~ Education*

*Madison Lyn Kingsford
Online Technology ~ Education*

USDLA Global Impact Award

*Quality Matters and Fudan University
For the Development of Online Course Quality Standards for China
Online Technology ~ Global Education*

USDLA Quality Research Paper Award

*Charles D. Dziuban, Patsy Moskal, Jeffrey Cassisi, and Alexis Fawcett
Online Technology ~ Higher Education*

USDLA 2017 Hall of Fame

*Dr. Arletha McSwain
Bethune-Cookman University*

USDLA 2017 Eagle

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Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ)
State of New Jersey

Mr. George Collins, Chair of USDLA Board of Directors noted that, “This year’s award winners represent many of the most innovative leaders in the field of distance learning.” He continued, “I also look forward to seeing these leaders again during National Distance Learning Week, November 6-10, 2017.”

About United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA)

The United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit 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 dollar 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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