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CILC ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2024-2025 PINNACLE AWARDS

Recognizing the Most Distinguished Live Virtual Programs by Renowned Cultural Centers

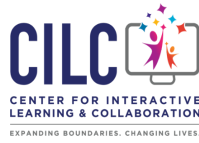
North Mankato, Minn. (August 8, 2025) — The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC), a leader in distance learning, announced the 2024-2025 Pinnacle Award Recipients!

Content Providers are field experts and educators from museums, zoos, aquariums, National Parks, Hall of Fames, science, historical, and cultural centers from around the world. Each year, Content Providers are recognized for their “Programs of Distinction” determined by the outstanding ratings they received on evaluations submitted by the educators and activity directors that hosted live virtual field trips experiences. The Content Providers that receive this annual award are recognized as providing programming with exceptional educational value and actively engaging learners.

“The Pinnacle Awards celebrate the best of the best in live virtual learning,” said Dr. Tania Lyon, Director of Strategic Learning Systems at CILC. “These Content Providers don’t just deliver programs — they ignite curiosity, create real connection with people, and make learning unforgettable.

The first Pinnacle Awards were given in 2008 and have served as a CILC tradition for 17 years. John Bertles from Bash the Trash Environmental Arts who acts as leader of the Pinnacle Education Collaborative and a recipient of an award this year states: “We are honored and thrilled to receive the Pinnacle Award from CILC. During the pandemic Bash the Trash put a tremendous amount of time and energy into moving our educational programs online. CILC provides us a great platform to continue to work with students and educators far beyond the reach of our in-person programs. In addition, we really appreciate CILC’s flexible infrastructure which has allowed us to get creative and innovative with our programming and promotion, rather than trying to fit into an awkward and restrictive format. Thank you CILC!”

This year CILC will induct four Content Providers into their Hall of Fame to recognize their 10 consecutive years of receiving the Pinnacle Award. Awards are announced each August to help online communities be aware that high-quality live virtual programs are available to help bring learning to life in any living, learning, or community space.



CILC 2024-2025 PINNACLE AWARD WINNERS

Actors Company
Adventure in Medicine & Science (AIMS)
Alaska SeaLife Center
Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum
Army Women's Museum
Author Valerie Marsh
Bash the Trash Environmental Arts
Born to Move Movement Adventures
Buffalo Zoo
Byrnes Health Education
Center for Puppetry Arts
Challenger Learning Center (Rochester, NY)
Challenger Learning Center at Wheeling University (West Virginia)
Cleveland Museum of Natural History
DC Area National Parks and Partners
Denali Education Center
East Central Ohio Educational Service Center
Educational Enrichment Endeavors with Roxann Nys
Explore Natural History: University of Nebraska State Museum
Fizzics Education (Australia)
Ford's Theater
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve
Great Basin National Park Foundation
Greenville Zoo
HistoryConnects from Virginia
Museum of History & Culture

Homestead National Historical Park
International Spy Museum
International Wolf Center
ISRAED
Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
Jewel Cave National Monument
Joshua Tree National Park
Kenai Fjords National Park
Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site
Learn Around the World
Liberty Hall Museum
Liberty Science Center
Long Island Science Center
Longwood Gardens
Manhattan School of Music
Maryland Center for History and Culture
McMillen Health
Michigan Science Center
Mote Marine Laboratory
National Archives
National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum
National Museum of the U.S. Army
National Park Service Fossils and Caves
Nebraska State Historical Society
Ohio History Connection
Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium

Pacific Marine Mammal Center
Playful Engineers
Poe Museum
Pro Football Hall of Fame
Reef Authority (Australia)
Rocky Mountain National Park
Royal Botanical Gardens (Canada)
Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology (Canada)
Science Center
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
Smithsonian American Art Museum
Southeast Arizona National Parks
The BLM Campbell Creek Science Center
The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center
The Mariners' Museum
The Mob Museum
The National WWII Museum
The Toledo Zoo
Thomas Jefferson's Monticello
Transcended Educational Collaborations
UCAR Center for Science Education
Wild Bird Adventures
Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum
Zion National Park

Honorable Mentions

The Cleveland Museum of Art

The Durham Museum

Hall of Fame Inductees

Born 2 Move Movement Adventures
Kenai Fjords National Park

HistoryConnects from the Virginia Museum of History & Culture
Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

About The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration

The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to igniting a passion for learning to cultivate engaged, empowered, and valued lifelong learners, nurtured through access to compelling content and powerful learning experience from the most treasured institutions. Founded in 1994, CILC has developed hundreds of partnerships with organizations including museums, zoos, science, cultural, and historical centers and delivered 113,000 programs globally to 3.5 million students worldwide. CILC is committed to changing lives by making learning accessible, regardless of physical location or financial means. For more information about CILC, please visit cilc.org.

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