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CILC ANNOUNCES 2021-2022 PINNACLE AWARD WINNERS

Veteran EdTech Nonprofit Recognizes Cultural Centers from Around the World for Distinguished Work in Interactive Virtual Learning

North Mankato, Minn. (August 18, 2022) — The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC), a nonprofit dedicated to breaking down educational barriers through distance learning, announced today its 2021-2022 Pinnacle Award winners, an annual award bestowed to CILC Content Providers for accomplishments in creating live virtual field trip experiences.

Each year, CILC awards Content Providers, national and international field experts as well as educators from museums, zoos, aquarium, science, historical, cultural, and performing arts centers, for “Programs of Distinction” determined by evaluations received from educators and activity coordinators who have participated in the live virtual field trip experience. Content Providers receiving the annual accolade are recognized as having programs with high educational value that actively involve learners at their level, and are professionally delivered via videoconferencing technologies.

Glenn Morris, CILC executive director, lauds the Pinnacle Award as “the highest recognition by the CILC community for engaging learners across the globe. This coveted award comes from educators who are using Content Provider programs in the classroom, and all are based on outstanding evaluations by teachers for teachers to help build a culture of collaboration, empowerment, and inspirational learning.”

CILC serves as a hub that connects young minds to live virtual learning experiences from the finest cultural organizations and peer groups around the world. This year CILC is also inducting five Content Providers into its Hall of Fame to recognize 10 consecutive years of receiving the Pinnacle Award.

Jasmin Poor from the Roper Mountain Science Center who received a Hall of Fame honor this year states: “CILC is a wonderful nonprofit organization that connects teachers with the finest Content Providers from all over the world, giving students the opportunity to learn from people they may never meet in places they may never experience. This organization is foundational for providing the same educational opportunities for students in every zip code.”

The first Pinnacle Awards were given in 2008 and has continued as a CILC tradition for 14 years. Awards are announced at the start of each new academic year to ensure education teams are aware of the high-quality live virtual field trip experiences available to help bring learning to life in the classroom.

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Actors Company	Explore Natural History: University of Nebraska State Museum	Reef HQ Aquarium (Australia)
Alaska Public Lands Information Center	FASNY Museum of Firefighting	Rocky Mountain National Park
Alaska SeaLife Center	Fizzics Education (Australia)	Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium
Alaska Zoo	Ford's Theater	Panhandle Plains Historical Museum
Aquarium of the Pacific	George Washington Carver National Monument	Penn Museum
Army Women's Museum	Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve	Playful Engineers
Author SissyMarySue (Dr. Wendy Muhlhauser)	Greenville Zoo	Roper Mountain Science Center
Author/Bullying Expert/Speaker Brad Tassell	Hank Fincken: A National Theater Company of One	Rosamond Gifford Zoo
BAM Education	Homestead National Historical Park	Royal Botanical Gardens (Canada)
Banyan Global Learning	Houston Audubon	Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology (Canada)
Boonshoft Museum of Discovery	International Spy Museum	Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
Booth Museum	JamaicaBob	Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery
Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum	Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation	Southeast Arizona National Parks
Buffalo Zoo	Joshua Tree National Park	Space Center Houston
Butterfly Pavilion	Kenai Fjords National Park	Texas State Aquarium
Byrnes Health Education	Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park	The BLM Campbell Creek Science Center
Center for Puppetry Arts	Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site	The Cowles Center for Dance & the Performing Arts
CESA 7 Educational Technology Services	Liberty Hall Museum	The Mariners' Museum
Challenger Learning Center (Rochester, New York)	Longwood Gardens	The National WWII Museum
Chattahoochee Nature Center	Manhattan School of Music	The Sheffield Museum of Rural Life (Canada)
Chattanooga Zoo	Maryland Center for History and Culture	The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
Cleveland Museum of Natural History	McMillen Health	The Ward Melville Heritage Organization
Creative Discovery Museum	Mesa Verde National Park	Transcended Educational Collaborations
CU Museum of Natural History	Midwest Archeological Center - NPS	UCAR Center for Science Education
DC Area National Parks and Partners	Moore's Creek National Battlefield	Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site
Denali Education Center	Mote Marine Laboratory - SEA Trek	Voyage of Odysseus: Virtual
Denver Botanic Gardens	Museum of World Treasures	
Denver Museum of Nature & Science	National Archives	

Don Harrington Discovery Center
Amarillo
East Central Ohio Educational
Service Center

National Baseball Hall of Fame and
Museum
Oiada International
Pro Football Hall of Fame

Whiskeytown National Recreation
Area
Wind Cave National Park
Zion National Park

Honorable Mentions

Adventures In Medicine & Science
(AIMS) Program of Saint Louis University
Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum
Author Valerie Marsh
Casa Grande Ruins National Monument
Cleveland Museum of Art
International Wolf Center
Lee Richardson Zoo
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About The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration

The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting young minds to unique and diverse content through virtual learning, breaking down educational access barriers, and narrowing the opportunity gap for underserved communities. Founded in 1994, CILC has been credited as an innovative leader in the field of distance learning before “remote learning” and “virtual field trips” were catchphrases. Over the years, CILC has developed hundreds of partnerships with organizations including museums, zoos, science as well as performing art centers and delivered 113,000 global programs to 3.5 million learners 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 Discover.CILC.org.

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