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NACOL Announces New *Teacher Talk* Webinar Series for Online Educators

WASHINGTON, DC, January 10, 2008 – The North American Council for Online Learning (NACOL) is pleased to announce a brand new Webinar series that brings together online teachers; the series recurs every third Thursday of the month and provides resources to support online educators and offers them professional development. The first in the Teacher Talk monthly series is:

“Creating Community in the Online Classroom”

Janna Vega, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Idaho Digital Learning Academy

Laura Harris, AP Department Chair, Georgia Virtual School

Thursday, January 17, 2008; 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (EST)

Register: www.nacol.org

Communication and collaboration are critical components in every classroom. This Webinar will answer the question, “How does an online teacher build community in the virtual classroom?” This session will cover components of discussion, collaboration, and communication needed to successfully create a community in the online classroom and provide valuable tips and tricks to new online teachers and veterans alike.

According to Susan Patrick, President and CEO of NACOL, “Teaching online requires new technical and collaborative skills. The NACOL Teacher Talk series will build these skills and help teachers to improve instructional practices for a 21st century classroom and to stay connected.”

Allison Powell, Vice President of NACOL says, “We are hoping that online teachers all over the world will come together during the Teacher Talk Webinars to share and learn from each other.”

Registration is open until 3 PM (ET) Wednesday, January 16, 2008.

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About NACOL

The North American Council for Online Learning (NACOL), founded in September 2003, is *the* international K-12 non-profit organization representing the interests of administrators, practitioners and students involved in online learning in the United States, Canada, Mexico,

and abroad. NACOL's mission is to increase educational opportunities and to enhance learning by providing collegial expertise and leadership in the K-12 online teaching and learning marketplace. The association strives to achieve this mission by leading initiatives to conduct research to enhance quality K-12 online learning; encourage collaboration among practitioners in the online learning marketplace; and promote the success and effectiveness of online learning. NACOL offers monthly Teacher Talk Webinars on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (Eastern). Registration available with member and non-member pricing to individuals and institutions. www.nacol.org