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### **NACOL Moves International, Becomes iNACOL**

Vienna, VA, January 23, 2009– The North American Council for Online Learning (NACOL) is becoming iNACOL, the International Association for K-12 Online Learning, changing the name to expand the organization’s reach globally. The new name reflects the nonprofit’s mission to ensure K-12 students have access to a world-class education and online learning opportunities that prepare them for a lifetime of success.

In parallel, iNACOL launched a new website with a fresh look at [www.inacol.org](http://www.inacol.org). It contains valuable links to the latest research and reports in online learning, the iNACOL Forum, and upcoming events in online learning, such as monthly webinars and the Virtual School Symposium (VSS 2009) conference. Registration is now open for VSS 2009 with Super Early Bird pricing for a very limited time. Visit [www.virtualschoolsymposium.org](http://www.virtualschoolsymposium.org) for more information.

K-12 online learning is growing at 30% annually and there were an estimated 1,000,000 enrollments in K-12 online courses last year in the United States. Online learning is a phenomenon utilized all over the world to provide expanded academic opportunities to students and options to customize and individualize a student’s learning experience.

According to Susan Patrick, President & CEO of iNACOL, “Having an international perspective in online learning is critical for the future success of students. We are expanding our reach.”

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#### **About iNACOL**

iNACOL is the International Association for K-12 Online Learning. iNACOL is a non-profit association that believes online learning is a powerful innovation that expands education opportunities ([www.inacol.org](http://www.inacol.org)). iNACOL supports access to high-quality online learning for all students. iNACOL hosts the annual Virtual School Symposium (VSS); VSS 2009 will be held Nov. 15 – 17, 2009 in Austin, TX ([www.virtualschoolsymposium.org](http://www.virtualschoolsymposium.org)).