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### **iNACOL Announces Online Learning Innovator Awards**

Vienna, VA, August 26, 2009– The International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) is excited to announce the advent of the iNACOL Online Innovator Awards. These awards will recognize learning practices, new research and individual achievements in the field.

The three awards given will be:

- Best and Most Innovative Online Learning Practice(s)
- Important Research Furthering the Advancement of K-12 eLearning
- Outstanding Individual Contribution to K-12 Online Learning

All submissions must be completed and submitted to [awards@inacol.org](mailto:awards@inacol.org) no later than September 28, 2009. Additional information and submission forms are located online: <http://www.inacol.org/events/awards.php>.

iNACOL will present the three awards at the annual Virtual School Symposium (VSS) on November 15-17, 2009 in Austin, TX, USA. Individuals, schools, districts, states, ministries, research teams, non-profits, and corporations are encouraged to submit nominations.

Susan Patrick, President and CEO of iNACOL, says, “Creative people are leading the innovation, research and leadership of the growing field of K-12 online learning. iNACOL will present awards to showcase the best practices of the pioneers in online learning. iNACOL wants to help inspire the field of online learning to continue in the creative disruption of old education models.”

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#### **About iNACOL**

iNACOL is the International Association for K-12 Online Learning, a non-profit 501(c)(3) membership association based in the Washington, DC area with more than 2,500 members. iNACOL is unique in that its members represent a diverse cross-section of K-12 education from school districts, charter schools, state education agencies, non-profit organizations, colleges, universities and research institutions, corporate entities and other content and technology providers ([www.inacol.org](http://www.inacol.org)). 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)).