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iNACOL to Host Webinar: “Teaching Strategies for the Online Elementary Teacher”

VIENNA, VA, January 19, 2010 – The International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) is hosting a webinar titled “Teaching Strategies for the Online Elementary Teacher” to help answer the question: What makes effective online instruction for the elementary student?

This session, part of iNACOL’s monthly Teacher Talk Webinar Series, will be held Thursday, January 21st, from 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Eastern) via Elluminate.

At this webinar, three experienced online elementary teachers will share their expertise and specific strategies they found effective with their students. Kayleen Marble (Arizona Virtual Academy) will present techniques for teaching writing online and how she uses synchronous technology to engage her students. Emilee Ackerman (The Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School) will discuss various techniques for active engagement within the virtual classroom environment by focusing on the online teacher’s ability to enhance critical thinking and promote social and emotional development. Finally, Cindy Carbajal (Capistrano Connections Academy) will present ways for teachers to be accessible and provide interaction and instruction to elementary students and families who desire flexibility through methods of asynchronous communication as well as engaging opportunities through synchronous media.

According to Susan Patrick, President and CEO of iNACOL, “Understanding the rich learning opportunities afforded by online learning to elementary students is an eye-opener to the possibilities in effectively using technology to improve instruction and achievement for students across the spectrum. Teachers set the gold standard for high-quality, interactive learning in their classrooms and this is true with online learning, too. Experienced online teachers will be sharing their pedagogical strategies and methods for reaching today’s students in this professional development webinar.”

Please register for the webinar on the iNACOL website <http://www.inacol.org/events/webinar/index.php>; pricing is available for members & non-members. Press may attend free-of-charge by contacting iNACOL’s Associate Director of Communications Wendy Fleming (wffleming@inacol.org).

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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 3,500 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). iNACOL hosts the annual Virtual School Symposium (VSS). VSS 2010 is being held Nov. 14 – 16, 2010 in Glendale, AZ (www.virtualschoolsymposium.org).