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iNACOL Webinar to Guide Teachers to Optimize the Online Classroom

(VIENNA, Va.) – The International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) will host a webinar on Thursday, January 19 for online teachers looking to create an enriching virtual classroom experience to encourage higher order thinking for their students.

In the webinar, “Using Online Breakout Rooms for Higher Order Thinking Skills,” participants will learn how to use breakout rooms, develop creative assignments and utilize other tools to engage learners. Participants will also learn better time management skills for teachers.

“High quality teachers are our greatest resource in K-12 learning. Continuing teachers’ professional development through knowledge sharing is critically important to ensuring innovative and fresh approaches to online learning that motivate students and prepare them with 21st century skills,” said Susan Patrick, president of iNACOL. “This webinar is part of our series of professional development resources for online teachers.”

The webinar will be led by Tara Park, a teacher at the Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School. Park has been an online teacher of Kindergarten through 8th grade since 2003, and in 2010, was named Project Leader for Technology at the PA Virtual Charter School. In 2011, she was awarded the Innovation in Teaching and Learning Grant for her virtual STEM lab, “Make Your Online Classroom Bloom with ‘STEM’.” More information on Tara Park can be found at www.tarapark.wikispaces.com.

The webinar will be held Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6:00 PM Eastern. To register, please visit: <http://www.inacol.org/events/webinar/index.php>

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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 3,800 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 is host to the annual Virtual School Symposium (VSS). VSS 2012 is scheduled for Oct. 21-24, 2012, in New Orleans, LA (www.virtualschoolsymposium.org)