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iNACOL to Host Webinar on Connecting Online Teachers and Their Students

VIENNA, VA, January, 19, 2011 – The International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) is hosting a webinar called "Connecting... not just to the Internet... to your Students!" This webinar will examine methods and techniques online teachers can connect to their students and positively affect the lives and learning of their students.

Branson School Online (BSO) presenters will share their C3 model for engaging and motivating online students. Creativity, community and communication (C3) are essential for connecting teachers to their learners and for uniting teachers to build strong teams for the teaching population.

According to Susan Patrick, President and CEO of iNACOL, "Connecting and interacting with students are key attributes of high quality online teachers, and important contributors to student success. Opening lines of communication, while supporting and motivating them, promotes student growth in the online environment."

The 2009 Colorado Elementary Online Teacher of the Year, Christina Narayan, will provide strategies for the K-5 instructor. Elementary teachers will learn how to build communities online. The K-12 BSO Principal, Leanna Walker-Christians, will present powerful initiatives to support teacher relationships and build teacher-student rapport.

This webinar is part of the iNACOL Teacher Talk professional development series and will be held Thursday, January 20, 2011, from 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Eastern) via Elluminate. Please register online: <http://www.inacol.org/events/>. Pricing is available for members and non-members. Press may attend free of charge by contacting Wendy Fleming at wfleming@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 3,700 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).