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iNACOL Announces First Published Book: *Lessons Learned from Virtual Schools: Experiences and Recommendations from the Field*

Glendale, AZ, November 15, 2010 – The International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) announced the release of its first published book: *Lessons Learned from Virtual Schools: Experiences and Recommendations from the Field* at the annual Virtual School Symposium (VSS) today. The book was edited by Cathy Cavanaugh and Rick Ferdig.

According to Ferdig, “K-12 Virtual Schools are an important part of our 21st century educational system. This book captures the successes and lessons of leaders from some of the most experienced state-led and consortium-based virtual schools in the nation. Readers will get advice and strategies on everything from teacher professional development to data management.”

Susan Patrick, President and CEO of iNACOL says, “Virtual schools are emerging as a powerful force for designing new educational experiences and changing the notion of what is possible. Virtual schools offer a glimpse into the future through new models for digital curriculum, performance-based assessment, and technology platforms—and serve an important function while shedding light on early and emerging transformations in next generation learning.”

This book takes a unique approach at archiving the history of virtual schools while reaching toward the future of 21st century education. It is available for purchase at the VSS and online at the iNACOL Online Bookstore:
<http://www.inacol.org/research/bookstore/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 3,700 members.). iNACOL’s mission is to ensure all students have access to world-class education and quality online learning opportunities that prepare them for a lifetime of success. 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).