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*iNACOL to Host Teacher Talk Webinar: *The Rewards and Challenges of Teaching Online**

VIENNA, VA, April 13, 2010 – The International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) is hosting a Teacher Talk webinar on “The Rewards and Challenges of Teaching Online” to provide an overview of online education from the point of view of an experienced online teacher.

Michigan Virtual School’s® 2010 Online Teacher of the Year, Melanie Laber, will review how she uses constructivist teaching methods in her online classroom and share lessons learned and best practices. She will also highlight instructional scaffolding techniques in the online learning environment.

According to Susan Patrick, President and CEO of iNACOL, “Masterful teachers provide the high touch interactivity in online courses where students love to communicate with peers, teachers and mentors. Online teachers are the backbone of blended and online learning environments. We are pleased that Ms. Laber will share her best practices in online instruction during an interactive webinar.”

This webinar will be held Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 - 7:00 PM (Eastern) via Elluminate.

Laber teaches middle school mathematics for a traditional middle school in Michigan. She has taught part-time for the *Michigan Virtual School* for the past five years and serves as a course content specialist. Laber earned her master’s degree online and is working on her doctorate in instructional design from an online university program.

Please register online: [http://www.inacol.org/events/webinar/teacher\\_talk.php](http://www.inacol.org/events/webinar/teacher_talk.php). Pricing is available for iNACOL members & non-members.

Press may attend free of charge by contacting iNACOL’s Associate Director of Communications Wendy Fleming ([wffleming@inacol.org](mailto: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 3,400 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 2010 is being held Nov. 14 – 16, 2010 in Glendale, AZ ([www.virtualschoolsymposium.org](http://www.virtualschoolsymposium.org)).