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CILC ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2023-2024 PINNACLE AWARDS

Recognizing the Most Distinguished Live Virtual Field Trips by World Renowned Cultural Centers

North Mankato, Minn. (August 14, 2024) — The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC), a leader in distance learning, announced the 2023-2024 Pinnacle Award Recipients!

Content Providers are field experts and educators from museums, zoos, aquariums, National Parks, Hall of Fames, science, historical, and cultural centers from around the world. Each year, Content Providers are recognized for their “Programs of Distinction” determined by the outstanding ratings they received on evaluations submitted by the educators and activity directors that hosted live virtual field trips experiences. The Content Providers that receive this annual award are recognized as providing programming with exceptional educational value and actively engaging learners.

Allyson Mitchell, Director of Partnerships & Engagement at CILC, described the announcement of the coveted Pinnacle Award as “an opportunity to celebrate our valued Content Providers and their remarkable connections with CILC Members. It allows Members to see their feedback come to life, acknowledging the hard work, dedication, and exceptional talent of the field specialists who deliver interactive virtual field trips ignite curiosity and inspire a love of learning in students and aging adults around the globe.”

This year CILC is also inducting two Content Providers into their Hall of Fame to recognize their 10 consecutive years of receiving the Pinnacle Award. Ben Newsome from Fizzics Education who was awarded a spot in the Hall of Fame this year states: “Working together with CILC for the past 12 years we've been able to connect with thousands of learners of all ages across the US, Canada, Mexico & beyond. Fundamental to the pinnacle award is the tremendous importance of evaluations from educators; it provides confidence for administrators for engaging distance learning specialists and encourages all content providers to deliver exceptional lessons. CILC is leading distance learning and we're proud to be involved!”

The first Pinnacle Awards were given in 2008 and have served as a CILC tradition for 16 years. Awards are announced at the start of each new academic year to ensure educators and directors are aware of

the high-quality live virtual field trips that are available to help bring learning to life and open classroom doors to the world!



CILC 2023-2024 PINNACLE AWARD WINNERS

Actors Company	Great Basin National Park Foundation	Pro Football Hall of Fame
Add-A-Tudez Entertainment Company	Greenville Zoo	Rocky Mountain National Park
Adventure in Medicine & Science (AIMS)	Hartley Outdoor Education Center	Roper Mountain Science Center
Alaska Public Lands Information Center	HistoryConnects from Virginia	Royal Botanical Gardens (Canada)
Alaska SeaLife Center	Museum of History & Culture	Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology (Canada)
Alaska Zoo	Indiana Dunes National Park	Science Center
Army Women's Museum	Inner Asian & Uralic National Resource Center	Sea Turtle, Inc.
Author Carla Killough McClafferty	International Spy Museum	Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
Author Marty Chan	International Wolf Center	Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art
Author Valerie Marsh	Kenai Fjords National Park	Smithsonian' National Museum of Asian Art
Banyan Global Learning	Learn Around the World	Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery
Bash the Trash Environmental Arts	Lee Richardson Zoo	Southeast Arizona National Parks
Boonshoft Museum of Discovery	Liberty Hall Museum	The Cowles Center for Dance & the Performing Arts
Buffalo Zoo	Liberty Science Center	The Durham Museum
Butterfly Pavilion	Long Island Science Center	The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center
Center for Puppetry Arts	Longwood Gardens	The Mariners' Museum
Central Michigan University: Museum of Cultural and Natural History	Maryland Center for History and Culture	The Sheffield Museum of Rural Life (Canada)
Challenger Learning Center (Rochester, NY)	McMillen Health	The Toledo Zoo
Children's Museum of Atlanta	Michigan Science Center	Thomas Jefferson's Monticello
Cleveland Museum of Art	Midwest Archeological Center - NPS	Transcended Educational Collaborations
Cleveland Museum of Natural History	Mote Marine Laboratory	UCAR Center for Science Education
Country Music Hall of Fame	Mount Washington Observatory	Whiskeytown National Recreation Area
DC Area National Parks and Partners	National Archives	Wind Cave National Park
East Central Ohio Educational Service Center	National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum	Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum
Educate.Today	National Museum of the U.S. Army	Zion National Park
Educational Enrichment Endeavors with Roxann Nys	National Park Service Fossils and Caves	
Explore Natural History: University of Nebraska State Museum	Ohio History Connection	
FASNY Museum of Firefighting	Oiada International	
Fizzics Education (Australia)	Pacific Marine Mammal Center	
Ford's Theater	Panhandle Plains Historical Museum	
Fort Monroe Authority	Penn Museum	
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve	Playful Engineers	

Honorable Mentions

Homestead National Historical Park
Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center
Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium

Hall of Fame Inductees

Fizzics Education
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve
Greenville Zoo
International Spy Museum

International Wolf Center
Oiada International
Penn Museum

About The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration

The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to igniting a passion for learning by expanding access to treasured museums, science centers, aquariums, zoos, historic sites, field experts, and more. Founded in 1994, CILC has been a leader in the interactive virtual learning space before “remote learning” and “virtual experiences” were catchphrases. Over three decades, CILC has developed hundreds of partnerships with over 200 Content Providers and has delivered over 130,000 virtual field trips to 3.6 million learners in over 112 countries throughout the world. CILC is committed to changing lives by making learning accessible, regardless of physical limitations, geographical location, or financial means. For more information about CILC, please visit cilc.org

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