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CILC ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2022-2023 PINNACLE AWARDS

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

North Mankato, Minn. (August 10, 2023) — The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC), a leader in distance learning, announced the 2022-2023 Pinnacle Award Recipients!

Content Providers 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.

Tami Moehring, Director of Member Relations at CILC, described the announcement of the coveted Pinnacle Award as “a time when the connections between Content Providers and Members are highlighted at their finest. Members get to see their feedback turned into a recognition for the hard work, dedication, and unique talent for delivering amazing virtual field trips that inspire learning in groups of students from around the world.”

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. Lee Gambol from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History who was previously awarded a spot in the Hall of Fame and a 15-year award winner states: “We have been working with CILC for 15 years, and their partnership has helped us to connect with learners of all ages in all 50 states and 27 countries—so far! With the incredible diversity of recorded digital content available, the existence of the Pinnacle Award speaks to the power and importance of the connections that are made possible through live, virtual programs.”

The first Pinnacle Awards were given in 2008 and have served as a CILC tradition for 15 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 enliven learning and open classroom doors to the world!



CILC 2022-2023 PINNACLE AWARD WINNERS

Add-A-Tudez Entertainment Company	FASNY Museum of Firefighting	Oiada International
Adventure in Medicine & Science (AIMS)	Fizzics Education (Australia)	Panhandle Plains Historical Museum
Alaska Public Lands Information Center	Ford's TheaterGateway Arch	Playful Engineers
Alaska SeaLife Center	National Park	Pro Football Hall of Fame
Alaska Zoo	George Washington Carver National	Reef HQ Aquarium (Australia)
Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum	Monument	Rocky Mountain National Park
Aquarium of the Pacific	Glacier Bay National Park and	Roper Mountain Science Center
Army Women's Museum	Preserve	Royal Botanical Gardens (Canada)
Author Marty Chan	Greenville Zoo	Saint Louis Zoo
Author Valerie Marsh	Hartley Outdoor Education Center	Science Center
Authors on Call, iNk Think Tank	HistoryConnects from Virginia	Sleeping Bear Dunes National
BAM Education	Museum of History & Culture	Lakeshore
Boonshoft Museum of Discovery	Indiana Dunes National Park	Smithsonian's National Museum of
Booth Museum	International Spy Museum	Asian Art
Born 2 Move Movement Adventures	Joshua Tree National Park	Southeast Arizona National Parks
Buffalo Zoo	Kenai Fjords National Park	The Cowles Center for Dance & the
Butterfly Pavilion	Liberty Hall Museum	Performing Arts
Byrnes Health Education	Liberty Science Center	The Durham Museum
Casa Grande Ruins National Monument	Longwood Gardens	The Holocaust Memorial and
Center for Puppetry Arts	Maryland Center for History and	Tolerance Center
CESA 7 Educational Technology Services	Culture	The Toledo Zoo
Cleveland Museum of Art	McMillen Health	Transcended Educational
Cleveland Museum of Natural History	Midwest Archeological Center - NPS	Collaborations
Creative Discovery Museum	Moore's Creek National Battlefield	Ulysses S. Grant National Historic
Denali Education Center	Mote Marine Laboratory - SEA Trek	Site
East Central Ohio Educational Service	National Archives	Whiskeytown National Recreation
Center	National Baseball Hall of Fame and	Area
Explore Natural History: University of	Museum	Wind Cave National Park
Nebraska State Museum	Ohio History Connection	Zion National Park

Honorable Mentions

Actors Company	Museum of World Treasures
Central Michigan University Museum of Cultural	Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center
and Natural History	Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium
Country Music Hall of Fame	Rosamond Gifford Zoo
Don Harrington Discovery Center Amarillo	Sea Turtle, Inc.
Homestead National Historical Park	Smithsonian American Art Museum
International Wolf Center	Space Center Houston
Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation	The National WWII Museum
Learn Around the World	UCAR Center for Science Education

Hall of Fame Inductees

Boonshoft Museum of Discovery	East Central Ohio Education Center
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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 the years, CILC has developed hundreds of partnerships with over 200 Content Providers and has delivered over 113,000 virtual field trips to 3.5 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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