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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  
Add-A-Tudez Entertainment Company  
Adventure in Medicine & Science (AIMS)  
Alaska Public Lands Information Center  
Alaska SeaLife Center  
Alaska Zoo  
Army Women's Museum  
Author Carla Killough McClafferty  
Author Marty Chan  
Author Valerie Marsh  
Banyan Global Learning  
Bash the Trash Environmental Arts  
Boonshoft Museum of Discovery  
Buffalo Zoo  
Butterfly Pavilion  
Center for Puppetry Arts  
Central Michigan University: Museum of Cultural and Natural History  
Challenger Learning Center (Rochester, NY)  
Children's Museum of Atlanta  
Cleveland Museum of Art  
Cleveland Museum of Natural History  
Country Music Hall of Fame  
DC Area National Parks and Partners  
East Central Ohio Educational Service Center  
Educate.Today  
Educational Enrichment Endeavors with Roxann Nys  
Explore Natural History: University of Nebraska State Museum  
FASNY Museum of Firefighting  
Fizzics Education (Australia)  
Ford's Theater  
Fort Monroe Authority  
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve

Great Basin National Park Foundation  
Greenville Zoo  
Hartley Outdoor Education Center  
HistoryConnects from Virginia  
Museum of History & Culture  
Indiana Dunes National Park  
Inner Asian & Uralic National Resource Center  
International Spy Museum  
International Wolf Center  
Kenai Fjords National Park  
Learn Around the World  
Lee Richardson Zoo  
Liberty Hall Museum  
Liberty Science Center  
Long Island Science Center  
Longwood Gardens  
Maryland Center for History and Culture  
McMillen Health  
Michigan Science Center  
Midwest Archeological Center - NPS  
Mote Marine Laboratory  
Mount Washington Observatory  
National Archives  
National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum  
National Museum of the U.S. Army  
National Park Service Fossils and Caves  
Nebraska State Historical Society  
Ohio History Connection  
Ojada International  
Pacific Marine Mammal Center  
Panhandle Plains Historical Museum  
Penn Museum

Playful Engineers  
Pro Football Hall of Fame  
Rocky Mountain National Park  
Roper Mountain Science Center  
Royal Botanical Gardens (Canada)  
Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology (Canada)  
Science Center  
Sea Turtle, Inc.  
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore  
Smithsonian American Art Museum  
Smithsonian' National Museum of Asian Art  
Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery  
Southeast Arizona National Parks  
The Cowles Center for Dance & the Performing Arts  
The Durham Museum  
The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center  
The Mariners' Museum  
The Sheffield Museum of Rural Life (Canada)  
The Toledo Zoo  
Thomas Jefferson's Monticello  
Transcended Educational Collaborations  
UCAR Center for Science Education  
Whiskeytown National Recreation Area  
Wind Cave National Park  
Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum  
Zion National Park

## 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](http://cilc.org)

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