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Fort Worth Museum of Science and History Receives National Award for Distance Learning Program

Virtual Reality Program for 2015-2016 launches September 2nd

Fort Worth, TX – August 26, 2015 – The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration has awarded its prestigious Pinnacle Award for the 2014-2015 school year to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's Distance Learning Program for its outstanding performance as a content provider. "Our Distance Learning Program is an excellent example of the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's innovative outreach," said Van Romans, Museum President. "It's the alignment of the latest technology and engaging programs that allows us to open our doors to students who are literally thousands of miles away. The Pinnacle Award is recognition of that work."

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is only one of two sites in Texas to receive the honor. The Pinnacle Award is given annually, by the CILC, to organizations that receive outstanding scores on program evaluations submitted by educators and end users. Receiving the award indicates remarkable quality of educational content and exceptional skill at program delivery. "The Pinnacle Award is highly regarded by providers as it is an objective measure of their ability to meet the needs of students of all ages." Jan Zanetis, CILC Managing Director.

"It is wonderful to have this kind of acknowledgement by educators," said Anne Herndon, Executive Director of Studio Programs. "It's important to know they see the value in the content of the programs we've developed for their students. "

The Museum's Distance Learning Program has developed curriculum in math and science for students in 31 states, along with two Canadian provinces and has worked with more than 72,000 students since its inception in 2004. Students participate through interactive videoconferencing led by staff, special guests and curators.

The Museum's first Distance Learning class of the year is scheduled for next Wednesday, September 2 from 9:00-9:50 am. Ms. Herndon says this school year the program will offer new and exciting opportunities for students. "The programs we're developing now will include the use of robotics. It's going to make virtual reality more realistic than ever before."

The Pinnacle Award was first awarded in 2008 and has become a CILC tradition.

About the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

The Museum was established in 1941 and is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. Anchored by its rich collections, the Museum is dedicated to lifelong learning. It engages guests through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the history of Texas and the Southwest. The Museum is open daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. For more information, visit

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