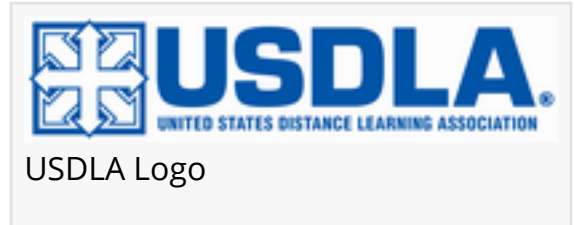


# United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) Announces 2021 International Distance Learning Award Winners

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Each year, USDLA recognizes innovators and leaders within the distance/digital learning industry as part of our International Award program. These highly coveted awards are presented annually to organizations and individuals who compete across several categories of excellence. The

USDLA [International Distance Learning Awards](#) are created to acknowledge major accomplishments in distance learning and to highlight those distance learning instructors, programs, and professionals who have achieved and demonstrated extraordinary achievements through the use of online, videoconferencing, and satellite/video delivery technologies globally. This year, the following institutions were chosen by the review committee to receive awards in their respective categories:

- 21st Century Award: University of Cincinnati Online (winner); Frontier Nursing University (runner-up)
- Outstanding Leadership Award: Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Innovation Award: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (winner); Columbia University

School of Social Work (runner-up)

- Excellence in Teaching Award – Clarkson University (winner); Iowa State University (runner-up)

- Impact Award – College of Education, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (winner); Ojada International (runner-up)

- Quality of Research Paper Award – Minnesota State University Moorhead

“The International Award program has provided prestigious recognition for educational influencers around the globe for many years” says Dr. Arletha McSwain, President of USDLA. “These award winners are truly leaders in the distance/digital learning industry and their work in support of pedagogy is unsurpassed”.



Each year, the annual award winners are recognized by the Association at the USDLA National Conference Awards Dinner and presented a physical award. However, due to the continued pandemic concerns in 2021, we decided to virtually recognize the award winners during National Distance Learning Week (NDLW). All award winners will also be invited to our 2022 National Conference in Nashville, TN to be recognized in person. To learn more about up-and-coming events as well as the 2022 National Conference please visit us at [www.usdla.org](http://www.usdla.org).

The United States Distance Learning Association was founded in 1987 and based on the premise of creating a powerful alliance to meet the burgeoning education and training needs of learning communities via new concepts of the fusion of communication technologies with learning in broad multidiscipline applications. We were the first nonprofit distance learning association in the United States to support distance learning research, development, and praxis across the complete arena of education, training, and communications. The learning communities that the USDLA addresses are: pre-K/12, higher education, continuing education, corporate training, military and government training, home schooling, and telehealth. Our mission is to support the development and application of digital and distance learning by focusing on legislation impacting the community and constituencies.

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