



Eduverse Series Spotlights Innovation

ISTE Eduverse Talks, a Second Life talk show highlighting the work of innovative K-20 educators and thought leaders worldwide, continues this month with shows on May 5 and 19. Funded by HP, this twice monthly show features innovations in educational technology, in both real life and Second Life,

and is filmed and broadcast by the Second Life Community Network Television Station (SLCNTv).

Episodes are taped before a “live” studio audience on ISTE Island, and broadcast via the Web and SLCNTv to in-world viewers. If you are not able to join us in Second Life, episodes are archived on the show’s official website (www.iste-eduverse.org). Visit the site to view upcoming show topics and guest bios, as well as to continue conversations started during the show.

Win a trip to NECC 2010!

Educators are invited to submit videos telling stories of student or educational transformation using technology to become eligible to win a trip to NECC 2010. All videos will be featured on ISTE’s new video portal, www.istevision.org, and will be entered into monthly drawings for prizes such as mini notebooks, iPods, Flip camcorders, and ISTE books.

During NECC, all submitted videos will be shown on special video kiosks, and the grand prize winner will be selected by the audience at the Member Welcome and Conference Overview on Sunday afternoon. To learn more and submit your video, visit www.iste.org/digital-stories.

And the Winner Is ...

Patricia Paugh, a media specialist at Hopatcong High School in northwest New Jersey, won the grand prize—a trip to NECC 2009, including airfare, hotel, and conference registration—in ISTE’s member appreciation contest.

Paugh was selected from a group of 80 who submitted essays to ISTE’s 30th anniversary Tell Us Your Story page (www.iste.org/30). Paugh wrote about how she uses an interactive whiteboard to make learning



vocabulary words fun. She shows students a sentence with the word and asks them to guess the meaning. Then she asks them to pick the correct definition from four choices before she shows a picture depicting the right answer.

21st-Century Learning Highlighted

ISTE’s Deputy CEO Leslie Conery was a featured presenter and facilitator at the Northwest Council for Computer Education (NCCE) Administrator/IT Summit, “School 2.0: Creating 21st-Century Schools,” held in February in Portland, Oregon.

The summit’s facilitators, including Conery and a cadre of administrators and IT specialists from Western school districts, opened the day’s program with a spirited panel discussion about the issues surrounding 21st-century learning environments, from technology’s ability to engage students, differentiate instruction, and connect diverse populations around the globe, to the challenges of filtering out the dangerous and distracting elements of the Internet. Attendees spent the rest of the day in strategy sessions focusing on the leadership, infrastructure, policy, equity, and data aspects of 21st-century learning environments.

For more details, check out the summit wiki at <http://nccesummit2009.pbwiki.com>.



Sign Up for Popular NECC Sessions

NECC attendees wishing to get into the popular Bring Your Own Laptop and Open Source conference sessions must preregister, reserve a seat, and get advance notice of session technical requirements at the NECC website, www.iste.org/necc. There is no charge for these sessions, but preregistration is required this year. Check the website for a complete list of titles, topics, and presenters.



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