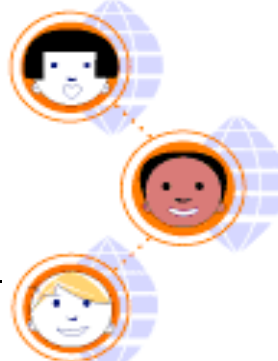




Organization: Location: Laureate/Contact: 2002 Laureate:	Global SchoolNet Foundation (NGO) Encinitas, California Yvonne Marie Andres NASDAQ Education Award	
Problem Addressed:	<p>Students must become competent computer users to be prepared for the 21st Century, yet there is little agreement over the role and best use of computers to support student achievement. While connection to the Internet provides students with extensive information resources, teachers often overlook the benefits of "people" resources available through online collaborative learning.</p>	
Technology Solution:	<p>Services delivered via three different Web servers allow educators worldwide to learn from other educators who have distinguished themselves in the area of online learning and to collaborate with other communities via video conferencing, and therein, effectively bridge cultures and enrich the entire learning experience.</p>	
Projects: <i>Friendship Through Education</i> - <i>Project Registry</i> - <i>Online Expeditions</i> - <i>Newsday</i> -	<p>A consortium of organizations that provide opportunities for online and offline discussions between youth from around the world.</p> <p>Clearinghouse of 700+ online collaborative projects organized by project, date, and grade.</p> <p>Follow real explorers in an interactive real-time environment as they travel and explore the world.</p> <p>Students publish an online newspaper based on stories submitted from global correspondents.</p>	
Online Statistics:	<p>100,000+ registered users 25,000+ schools (all 50 US states) Schools in 89 countries 300,000 Web visitor sessions per month</p>	
Success Story:	<p>A high school in Reykjavik, Iceland, realizing that very little information existed about their country on the Internet, decided to create an entire Web site for Iceland through the eyes of students.</p>	
Previous Awards:	<p>Voted top 10 education Web site five years in a row; Internet World Award; Webby</p>	
Other Commentary:	<p>Through its International Schools Cyberfair, GSN conducts a global competition of writers who develop community stories and post them online.</p>	
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