

www.classroom.com Named Best New Education Solution for K-12 in SIIA Codie Awards Competition

Codie Awards Mark the Software and Information Industry's Top Awards

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Classroom Connect, Inc., today announced that it was selected as Best New Education Solution in the Software & Information Industry Association's Codie Awards. Beating out other finalists in the category, Classroom Connect's Web site, www.classroom.com, contains professional development programs and classroom learning resources that provide K-12 educators with a total classroom solution that is easily customized for each educator.

Featuring Classroom Connect's flagship Web-delivered products, Connected University(R), Classroom Today(TM) and The Quest Channel(TM), as well as standards correlations and a searchable library of multimedia resources, educators can continue their professional development through a flexible online program, while incorporating those skills and resources directly into their classroom teaching.

Ken Wasch, President of SIIA, said, "SIIA congratulates Classroom Connect on winning a 2002 Codie Award. This new category recognizes the company's forward-thinking concepts in education technology." He continued, "This 17th Annual Codie Awards carries on the tradition of celebrating the best of the best in the software and information industry. As the only peer-reviewed awards program of its kind in this constantly evolving field, winning a Codie Award is indeed a high honor."

About the Software & Information Industry Association

The Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) is the principal trade association for the software and digital content industry. SIIA provides global services in government relations, business development, corporate education and intellectual property protection to more than 800 leading software and information companies. For further information, visit <http://www.siaa.net> .

About Classroom Connect

Classroom Connect, Inc., a business unit within Harcourt, Inc., is a leading provider of professional learning and classroom learning resources that foster successful use of the Internet in K-12 education. Headquartered in Brisbane, CA, with offices in El Segundo, CA, Minneapolis, MN and Abilene, TX, Classroom Connect has more than 170 employees. Its primary product brands include: Connected University(R) (online professional development); Classroom Today(TM) (online classroom curriculum); The Quest Channel(TM) (online adventure learning expeditions); Connected Conferences(TM) (live, nationwide events); Connected Workshops(TM) (on-site seminars); and Classroom Connect Newsletter(TM) (monthly Internet education journal). Its partners include some of the nation's most respected organizations, including the American Museum of Natural History, the Library of Congress and NASA. For more information about Classroom Connect, visit the company's Web site at <http://www.classroom.com> .

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