



Holt Science and Math Products Honored as Finalists in the SIIA Codie Awards

AUSTIN, Texas. - March 24, 2008 - Two curriculum products from Holt McDougal (www.holtmcdougal.com) were named as finalists in the 2008 SIIA Codie Awards and now join the list of dozens of awards received by this leading secondary education publisher. The honored products are **Holt Mathematics Online Editions** and **Holt Science Dissection Labs CD-ROM** in the categories for Best K-12 Instructional Solution and Best Education Simulation or Game, respectively.

"We are pleased that Holt technology products are leading the industry," said Allen Wheatcroft, president of Holt McDougal. "In each step of curriculum and resource development, we work closely with educators to make sure our materials are relevant and suited to today's classroom environment. Each award we win confirms that our attention to detail and our commitment to education helps us develop exemplary products."

"Competition is tough this year and that makes selection as a Codie Finalist a real achievement," said Ken Wash, SIIA president. "All the companies on this year's list should feel justifiably proud of their recognition."

The Holt Mathematics Online Editions have already been recognized for their excellence. The Lesson Tutorial Videos -- which are included in the Online Editions along with formative assessments, manipulatives, and intervention resources -- won an Award of Excellence in the 25th annual program managed by *Technology & Learning* magazine. The Lesson Tutorial Videos also won a 2007 Distinguished Achievement Award for mathematics products from the Association of Educational Publishers.

Holt Science Dissection Labs CD-ROM is a virtual lab experience of six lifelike specimen dissections, which gives schools an alternative method for teaching anatomy and physiology. Students begin a lab with a high-resolution image of a frog, for example, and use their mouse to select the appropriate instrument to perform up to 30 procedures such as peeling back skin and removing organs, all with amazing clarity.

Additional video clips describe and show the function of organs, systems, and body parts. The Dissection CD even offers assessment options; students may be automatically graded on their dissection skills or take an interactive quiz.

The SIIA Codie Awards celebrate achievement and vision in software, education technology and digital content. Presented by the Software & Information Industry Association, the Codie Awards have been the leading honor for the software and information industry's finest products and services for 23 years. Judges picked the software innovations from over 1,000 nominations submitted by more than 600 companies. Winners will be announced at a special gala event on May 20 at the historic Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

About Holt McDougal

Holt McDougal (formerly Holt, Rinehart and Winston and McDougal Littell) a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, is one of the nation's leading secondary education publishers. Products include print, technology, and Internet support for curricular instruction in science, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and world languages. For more information visit www.holtmcdougal.com.

About Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

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