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Governor Rendell Named 2008 National Distance Learning Week Award Recipient
Governor will receive award and speak at award ceremony at Drexel University in November

Philadelphia, PA – September 25, 2008 - Drexel University Online announced today that Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell is scheduled to attend and be honored at the 2008 National Distance Learning Week (NDLW) annual awards reception on November 10, 2008. The reception will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Drexel's campus at the Edmund D. Bossone Research Enterprise Center, Mitchell Auditorium, and will recognize individuals who have made a significant contribution in the field of educational technology and distance learning.

NDLW, sponsored by the United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA), is an initiative that seeks to generate broader awareness and appreciation for distance learning within the areas of pre-k-12 education, higher and continuing education, home schooling, as well as business, corporate, military, government, and telehealth markets.

"We are honored to have Governor Rendell speak at this event and to recognize this tremendous contribution to the field of educational technology," said Dr. Constantine Papadakis, president of Drexel University. "Governor Rendell is being honored with the 2008 Leadership Award because, under his leadership, the Commonwealth has built an infrastructure and platform to permit 21st Century education to flourish in the state. These connections will soon make it possible to support timely and global communication and collaboration in classrooms across Pennsylvania and around the globe."

Distance learning is currently the fastest growing segment of the education market, both in K-12 and higher education. Commercial and government markets around the world recognize how distance learning, education and training makes a strategic contribution to achieving organizational performance objectives, leveraging talent and resources, and implementing and preserving institutional knowledge.

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