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## **Drexel University Online Honors Drexel Faculty**

*Drexel University Online to host awards ceremony in honor of National Distance Learning Week, November 9-13, 2009*

**Philadelphia, PA (PRWEB) November 7, 2009** – The United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) will celebrate [National Distance Learning Week](#) (NDLW) during the week of November 9-13, 2009. NDLW is an annual initiative that generates greater 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.

[Drexel University Online](#) will hold an awards ceremony on Monday, November 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the Bosson Enterprise Research Center, Mitchell Auditorium (Market Street, between 31st and 32nd Streets), to recognize the outstanding online Drexel faculty. This annual event will recognize those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field of distance/online learning. “It is with great enthusiasm and excitement that Drexel University Online honors our online faculty” said Dr. Kenneth Hartman, academic director, Drexel University Online. “It is their talent and commitment to teaching online that make Drexel University a recognized leader in the field of distance learning.”

The winners include:

### **Outstanding Contribution to Online Learning Award**

Susan Patrick, president and Chief Executive Officer, International Association for K-12 Online Learning

### **Outstanding Contribution to Corporate eLearning Award**

Robert V. Stanek, president and Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Health East

### **2009 Outstanding Online Instructors**

Dr. Karyn Holt – *College of Nursing and Health Professions*

Dr. Dennis Novack – *Drexel University College of Medicine*

Raymond Lum – *School of Public Health*

Dr. Edward Nelling – *LeBow College of Business*

Thomas Edwards – *College of Engineering*

Dr. Linda Marion – *College of Information Science and Technology*

Dr. Jean Brody – *Westphal College of Media Arts & Design*

Dr. Frank Kelley – *College of Arts and Sciences*

Dr. Kristen Betts – *Goodwin College: School of Education*

Today, over 3.5 million students are taking online courses and/or earning online college degrees. At the secondary school level, over 700,000 high school students are taking one or more courses online and nearly 40 states have established state-lead virtual schools. During the week of November 9-13, schools, colleges, businesses and government agencies across the country will be showcasing their online programs.

For more information regarding activities for the 2009 NDLW, contact Dr. Kenneth Hartman, national committee chair, at 1.215.895.0501 or visit [www.ndlw.org](http://www.ndlw.org).

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**About Drexel University Online:**

Drexel University Online, winner of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Best Practice Award for Distance Learning from the United States Distance Learning Association, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Drexel University, specializing in innovative, Internet-based distance education programs for working professionals and corporations in the United States and abroad. A pioneer in online education since 1996, Drexel's online programs are taught by the same world-renowned faculty as the University's on-campus courses. Drexel University is continually ranked one of the best national doctoral universities by *U.S. News & World Report* and enjoys regional accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools.

**About USDLA:**

The United States Distance Learning Association is a non-profit organization formed in 1987 and is located in Boston, Massachusetts. USDLA promotes the development and application of distance learning for education and training and serves the needs of the distance learning community by providing advocacy, information, networking and opportunity. Distance education and training constituencies served include pre-k-12 education, higher and continuing education, home schooling, as well as business, corporate, military, government, and telehealth markets. The USDLA trademarked logo is the recognized worldwide symbol of dedicated professionals committed to the distance learning industry. For more information, visit [www.usdla.org](http://www.usdla.org) or call 1.800.275.5162.