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North American Council for Online Learning President Susan Patrick Will Keynote Honolulu Conference on E-Learning

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VIENNA, Va., Oct. 11 /U.S. Newswire/ -- In her keynote address Oct. 14 to more than 4,000 attendees at the "World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare & Higher Education" in Honolulu, online learning expert Susan Patrick will describe how online learning is revolutionizing K-12 education to meet the global workplace's need for 21st century technology skills.

Patrick is CEO and president of the North American Council for Online Learning (NACOL, <http://www.NACOL.org>), the premier U.S. K-12 nonprofit organization in the field of online learning, providing leadership, advocacy, research, training and networking for the online learning community. She is the former director of the Office of Educational Technology at the U.S. Department of Education, where in 2005 she published the visionary National Education Technology Plan.

"Globalization is requiring that students be academically prepared for a vastly different workplace to achieve success in a knowledge-based economy," she will tell attendees. Her keynote remarks will describe the globally competitive workplace today's students are entering, challenges, opportunities, what students need to know to be successful, student demographics and e-learning solutions for schools.

Online learning is growing rapidly in the nation's K-12 schools, with more than 500,000 students from every state enrolled in online courses.

Patrick will report on research and cases studies showing that "Online learning is opening access and opportunity for all students by providing high quality courses and highly qualified teachers over the Internet ... regardless on their neighborhood or geography."

NACOL's annual meeting, the Virtual Schools Symposium "Redesign Powered by Online Learning," will be held in Dallas, Nov. 5-7.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Susan Patrick is available for interviews. Head shot is available. Coverage is invited.