

[US Learning Online](http://www.uslearningonline.org) is pleased to announce Spring Enrollment Registration. Please contact us for school registration instructions. We look forward to working together to provide the greatest educational opportunities possible.

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UNLIMITED LEARNING...*Experience the Possibilities*

CHRONICLE OF US LEARNING

"CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP BY EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY"

- US Learning Assistant Director, Kimberly Bonnicksen, together with Dale Tsosie, the immediate past president of the National School Board Association Caucus of American Indian/Alaska Native School Board Members and the NATIVE Tri-County Vocational Superintendent Karen Leshner, presented "Closing the Achievement Gap by Expanding Opportunity" at the National Indian Education Association National Convention in Anchorage, Alaska.
- Tsosie held that the loss of so many Native languages and the challenges faced by Indian students have been major contributing factors in Indian student test scores ranking the lowest of all minority groups in the United States. By utilizing technology, Indian students are able to learn in a style most conducive to their learning needs and by including opportunities to study their Native Languages and be taught in ways respectful of their culture, students gain the sense of identity that provides the relevance needed for students to achieve.
- Leshner, vocational superintendent of three Arizona counties servicing Navajo students, demonstrated the significant achievement growth for students in schools who adopt technology based learning. "Students using technology work longer and more efficiently—Quality of work and quantity increasing."
- Bonnicksen announced the development of Navajo I & III for Spring 2007, in partnership with Navajo Nation. The use of distance learning allows every student to be taught by a highly qualified teacher and receive the benefits that geography has previously denied Native American students.
- All students deserve every opportunity to learn. US Learning is pleased to be able to expand the opportunities available to underserved student populations.



WANT TO INCORPORATE ONLINE LEARNING TO IMPROVE STUDENT
 ACHIEVEMENT, BUT NEED FUNDING ASSISTANCE?

US Learning provides grant services through Goals, Inc. The following federal education grants which support online learning are currently accepting applications:

Smaller Learning Communities: to enable those schools to develop smaller learning environments, including career academies, magnet programs, and other "schools within a school" to create a more personal experience for students. \$650,000-11,750,000.

Indian Education Demonstration Grants: college preparatory programs for secondary school students designed to increase competency and skills in challenging subject matter, including

more personal experience for students. \$650,000-11,750,000.

Indian Education Demonstration Grants: college preparatory programs for secondary school students designed to increase competency and skills in challenging subject matter, including mathematics and science, to enable Indian students to transition to postsecondary education. \$277,000.

Advanced Placement Incentive Program: This program provides grants to eligible entities to enable them to increase the participation of low income students in both pre-AP courses and tests. \$600,000.



Foreign Language Assistance Program: This program provides grants to establish, improve, or expand innovative foreign language programs for elementary and secondary school students. This program supports foreign language instruction in elementary schools, immersion programs, curriculum development, professional development, and distance learning. \$150,000.

Contact our office for more details and to register for participation in these funding applications.

What US Learning does for your students:

- ◇ Improves Student Achievement
- ◇ Provides interactive, relevant, rigorous technology based learning opportunities.
- ◇ Guarantees access to highly qualified teachers.

Cost: \$350/student/semester

Deadline for Spring Registration: December 22, 2006

★ Register by December 1 for early registration discount of 10% for first contract. (new district partnerships only)

Questions/Comments? Email info@uslearningonline.org

US Learning customizes learning solutions. Contact us for help with your district's specific needs for technology based learning.

Call 1866-405-8925 toll free for details.

2006 VIRTUAL SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

US Learning Executive Director Tim Snyder was pleased to be invited to participate in the annual VSS Conference "Next Generation Education: Redesign Powered by Online Learning," as a Virtual Veteran. "If I Knew Then What I Know Now: Virtual Veterans' Top 10" looked back over the lifespan of online learning and asked early Virtual school innovators what they would do differently if they were starting over again and what advice would they have for those about to start the online learning journey?

Snyder enjoyed the opportunity to interact with some of his long time colleagues and share knowledge in a humorous setting and to have an opportunity to contribute and learn about the latest trends, innovations and success stories in the field.



"Virtual Schools & 21st Century Skills"

Online learning is an essential delivery system for training in the business world. Many corporations today use e-learning for training employees:

- 77% use distributed learning*, up from 4% nine years ago—73% increase in less than a decade!
- Why do they spend money on distributed learning?**
- A 60% faster learning curve.
- IBM's Basic Blue management training: 2284% ROI
- Motorola: \$30 in productivity gains for every \$1 spent over 5 years.
- Union Pacific: performance increase of 35%.

Online learning through virtual schools is one of the most important advancements in attempting to rethink the effectiveness of education in the United States. The virtual school provides access to online, collaborative and self-paced learning environments – settings that can facilitate 21st Century skills. Today's students must be able to combine these skills with the effective use of technology to succeed in current and future jobs. By expanding access to high quality, rigorous academic courses teaching 21st century skills, we can expand the opportunities for all students.

Virtual Schools and 21st Century Skills. The North American Council for Online Learning and the Partnership for 21st Century Skills. November 2006
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