



**The Alliance for Excellent Education Invites You to Attend  
A Webinar on**

## **Online Learning: Addressing Challenges, Seizing Opportunities**

**Thursday, July 8, 2010**

WEBINAR: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm EST  
LIVE WEBCHAT: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST

### **Speaker Biographies**

#### **Allison Powell, PhD**

Vice President, *International Association for K–12 Online Learning (iNACOL)*

Allison Powell is vice president of the International Association for K–12 Online Learning (iNACOL), which facilitates collaboration, advocacy, and research to enhance quality K–12 online teaching and learning. Before joining iNACOL, Dr. Powell taught in face-to-face and online K–8 environments. She helped build the Clark County School District's (CCSD) Virtual High School in Nevada and an online professional development program for CCSD. She has served as a board member for several organizations and universities. Dr. Powell earned her doctorate degree in educational technology from Pepperdine University.

#### **Barbara Treacy**

Director, EdTech Leaders Online, *Education Development Center*

Barbara Treacy is director of Education Development Center's (EDC) EdTech Leaders Online (ETLO), a national online professional development program for state departments of education, school districts, and teacher training institutions to enable them to build successful online learning programs for teachers, administrators, and students.

Since the inception of ETLO in the fall of 2000, Ms. Treacy has led teams of curriculum developers, online facilitators, instructional designers and online specialists to provide graduate-level training programs in online learning, a catalogue of over sixty online workshops, e-learning consulting, and course development services for participating organizations in more than thirty-five states. Ms. Treacy also directs several related online learning projects at EDC, including the collaboration with E-Learning for Educators—a ten-state consortium funded by the U.S. Department of Education, to establish statewide online professional development—and EDC's partnership with SETDA to provide online professional development for state technology leaders.

Ms. Treacy has taught at both the college and high school levels, including serving as a math instructor at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Ms. Treacy holds an AB from Harvard University and an EdM in technology in education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

**Lori Westhoff**

Principal, *Humboldt High School* (Humboldt, Iowa)

Lori Westhoff is the principal of Humboldt High School in Humboldt, Iowa. Ms. Westhoff received her BA degree from Central College in Pella, Iowa. She taught German and Academic Decathlon and coached for eleven years at Sibley-Ocheyedan High School in Sibley, Iowa. During that time, Ms. Westhoff completed her MA degree in educational administration at the University of South Dakota. She has been a high school principal for nine years, the last six at Humboldt High School.

Humboldt High School has approximately four hundred students in grades 9 through 12. Students from this high school, on average, graduate with fourteen college credits (97 percent of graduating seniors complete at least one college class). Humboldt High School offers the following online learning opportunities for students: Iowa Learning Online class (biology), Advanced Placement courses offered through the University of Iowa Belin-Blank Center, college courses from community colleges and colleges around the state and nation, and college courses offered over the Iowa Communications Network (TV) from Iowa Central Community College, in addition to the courses and college courses offered on the Humboldt High School campus.

**Bob Wise**

President, *Alliance for Excellent Education*

Bob Wise is president of the Alliance for Excellent Education and former governor of West Virginia. He is author of the book *Raising the Grade: How High School Reform Can Save Our Youth and Our Nation* and chair of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Under Governor Wise's leadership, the Alliance continues to build its reputation as a respected authority on high school policy by advocating for reform in America's secondary education system and working to ensure that all students graduate from high school prepared for college, careers, and to be contributing members of society.

Since joining the Alliance in February 2005, Governor Wise has become a sought-after speaker and advisor on education issues. He has advised the U.S. Department of Education, White House Transition Team, and frequently testifies before the U.S. Congress.

As governor of West Virginia from 2001 to 2005, he fought for and signed legislation to fund the PROMISE Scholarship program and created the Governor's Helpline for Safer Schools. During his administration, West Virginia saw a significant increase in the number of students completing high school and entering college. From 1983 to 2001, Governor Wise served in the U.S. House of Representatives representing the 2<sup>nd</sup> district of West Virginia, where he aggressively worked to preserve federal financial aid for students to attend college.

Governor Wise serves on the board of directors of the Public Education Network and C-Change. He is an advisory committee member for several organizations, including, the Springboard Project, Campaign for Educational Equity, Editorial Projects in Education, the National High School Center, the Bay Area Coalition for Equitable Schools, and the Moffitt Cancer Center. Governor Wise earned a BA degree from Duke University and a JD degree from Tulane University School of Law.