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Northwestern University Wins Honorable Mention in EDUCAUSE Awards for Excellence in Campus Networking

Northwestern University has received an honorable mention designation for its campus-wide networking achievements in one of the most significant of the EDUCAUSE awards programs, the 1998 Awards for Excellence in Campus Networking. The presentation was made December 10 at a general session of the association's conference in Seattle before nearly 3,500 CAUSE98 conferees.

The selection committee observed that Northwestern has a superior network infrastructure, with technology being an integral part of its strategic plan. The University provides leadership in its region, working with K-12 schools, museums, research foundations, etc., in a number of strategic partnerships to extend access to its powerful technological capabilities. Several outstanding service projects are under way, including a program to get first-time users onto the network and provide customized training in its use.

The 1998 winner in this competition was Duke University, with one other honorable mention going to Wake Forest University. Northwestern also received the honorable mention designation in the 1997 competition, an indication of its very strong and consistent networking efforts.

The Awards for Excellence in Campus Networking were established to recognize exemplary campus-wide network planning, management, and accessibility, as well as effective use of the network to enhance teaching, learning, research, administration, and community service. Descriptions of the 1998 winners are on the EDUCAUSE Web server at http://www.educause.edu/awards/network/network-award.html.

EDUCAUSE was formed in July 1998 by the consolidation of two prominent higher education associations, CAUSE and Educom. Its mission is to help shape and enable transformational change in higher education through the introduction, use, and management of information resources and technologies in teaching, learning, scholarship, research, and institutional management. The association currently serves more than 1,400 member campuses from offices in Boulder, Colorado, and Washington, D.C.