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

Northwestern University recently received an honorable mention award in the 1997 CAUSE Awards Program for Excellence in Campus Networking, in the category for institutions with education and general budgets of over $100 million. The presentation was made on December 4 at a general session of the association's annual conference in Orlando before nearly 3,000 CAUSE97 conferees.

The winner in this award category was Virginia Tech, with another honorable mention award going to Duke University. Cedarville College in Ohio took the top award in the category for institutions with E&G budgets of under $100 million with honorable mentions going to the College of the Holy Cross, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and the University of Montana-Bozeman.

The selection committee noted that Northwestern’s extensive network effectively links its two campuses and provides the resources to deliver innovative applications to residence halls, classrooms, and administrative services, with specific examples of applications well detailed on the University's home Web page (http://www.nwu.edu). They also commended the use of the network for inter-institutional collaborative efforts, exemplified by Northwestern’s role in the North Suburban Higher Education Consortium.

The CAUSE 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 1997 winners are on the CAUSE Web server at http://www.cause.org/pd/awards/network/network-award.html along with application forms for the 1998 competition, the deadline for which is March 13.

CAUSE, the association for managing and using information resources in higher education, has a membership of more than 1,400 campuses and 3,900 individual representatives. Headquartered in Boulder, Colorado, the association's mission is to be an indispensable partner in enabling the transformational changes occurring in higher education through the effective management and use of information resources, technology, services, and information. It places a high priority on helping individual member representatives develop as professionals in information technology management.

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