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20th ANNUAL BEST PRACTICES

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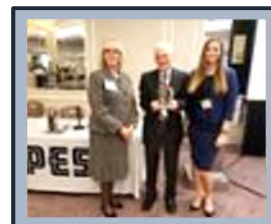
1ST PLACE WINNER TO BE FEATURED AT SPRING 2019 DATA SUMMIT

Washington, D.C. PESC is pleased to announce the 20th Annual Best Practices Competition is now open for submissions through April 19, 2019. The PESC 20th Annual Best Practices Competition recognizes, highlights and promotes innovation and ingenuity in the application and implementation of interoperable data standards for business needs.

First held by PESC in 1999 and awarded to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) for "Model of an Electronic Standardization Initiative: Ontario Universities Electronic Transcript (OUETS) System," the Annual Best Practices Competition is open to institutions, associations, organizations, government agencies and departments, districts, consortia, non-profit and commercial service providers and other education stakeholders that have collaborated to design and/or adopt an electronic standardization initiative via a specific implementation, and/or other medium such as, but not limited to, published articles, white papers, pilots and demonstrations.

1st PLACE WINNERS FOR 2018

Dr. Ken Sauer, Tari Lambert and Jillian Scholten of ICHE receiving 1st Place Award in 19th Annual Best Practices May 2, 2018 at PESC Spring 2018 Data Summit.



1st PLACE WINNERS FOR 2017

Doug Falk of National Student Clearinghouse & Peter Meehan of iQ4 receiving 1st Place Award in 18th Annual Best Practices May 3, 2017 at PESC Spring 2017 Data Summit.



The 20th Annual Best Practices Competition for 2018/2019 is now open for submissions until close of business Friday April 19, 2019. All entries and submissions should be submitted by April 19, 2019 to michael.sessa@pesc.org or at: Michael Sessa, President & CEO, PESC, 1250 Connecticut Avenue NW Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20036.

All entries will be judged by the PESC Board of Directors. First place and those receiving special recognition will be notified immediately by PESC, an official public announcement will be made immediately before PESC's Spring 2019 Data Summit being held in Washington DC at the Dupont Circle Hotel, and the award ceremony will be made during the General Session of the Spring 2019 Data Summit. Submissions can include documentation, artifacts and descriptions of the scope of a project, participants and partners, types of standards employed, relevant dates and project milestones, copies of articles (if an article submission), outline of mission/objectives and any related statistics (# of transactions transmitted, estimated cost savings, etc.). Fall 2018 Data Summit registration is open and all are encouraged to attend.

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19th 1st Place Winner

2017 2018

Indiana Commission for Higher Education

[One State, Two Initiatives: Indiana's Embrace of e-Transcripts & Credential Engine](#)

18th 1st Place Winner

2016 2017

iQ4 & National Student Clearinghouse

[Extending the Capacity of Higher Education to Scale the Output of Verified Workforce-Ready Graduates](#)

17th 1st Place Winner

2015 2016

University of Tennessee System & AcademyOne

[Automating Reverse Transfer for the State of Tennessee](#)

16th 1st Place Winner

2014 2015

Elon University & Parchment

[Elon Experiences Transcript and Integration to the Academic Transcript](#)

15th 1st Place Winner

2013 2014

University of Phoenix

[eTAPS Electronic Transcript Acquisition Process](#)

14th 1st Place Winner

2012 2013

OCAS - Ontario College Application Service

[Implementation of High School Transcript](#)

13th 1st Place Winner

2011 2012

NCES - National Center for Education Statistics

[U.S. Department of Education's Common Education Data Standards \(CEDs\)](#)

12th 1st Place Winner

2010 2011

South Carolina & AcademyOne

[SC-TRAC Transfer & Articulation Center](#)

11th 1st Place Winner

2009 2010

College Foundation of North Carolina

[Electronic High School Transcript System](#)

10th 1st Place Winners

2008 2009

California Community Colleges & XAP and University System of Georgia Board of Regents

[California eTranscript and Implementation of High School and Postsecondary XML Transcripts](#)

9th 1st Place Winner

2007 2008

Sinclair Community College & Wainwright State University

[Exchange of Electronic Transcripts via Ohio Board of Regents Articulation & Transfer Clearinghouse](#)

8th 1st Place Winner

2006 2007

DQC - Data Quality Campaign

[Longitudinal Education Data Systems: Using Data to Improve Student Achievements](#)

7th 1st Place Winner

2005 2006

National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs

[Common Record: CommonLine \(CRC\) Beta Test](#)

6th 1st Place Winner

2004 2005

FSA - Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education

[XML Registry & Repository for Education](#)

5th 1st Place Winner

2003 2004

Access 4 Learning

[SIFA Specification](#)

4th 1st Place Winners

2002 2003

ELM Resources & NCHELP

[ELMnet & Meteor](#)

3rd 1st Place Winner

2001 2002

National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs

[Common Account Maintenance \(CAM\)](#)

2nd 1st Place Winner

2000 2001

University of Northern Iowa

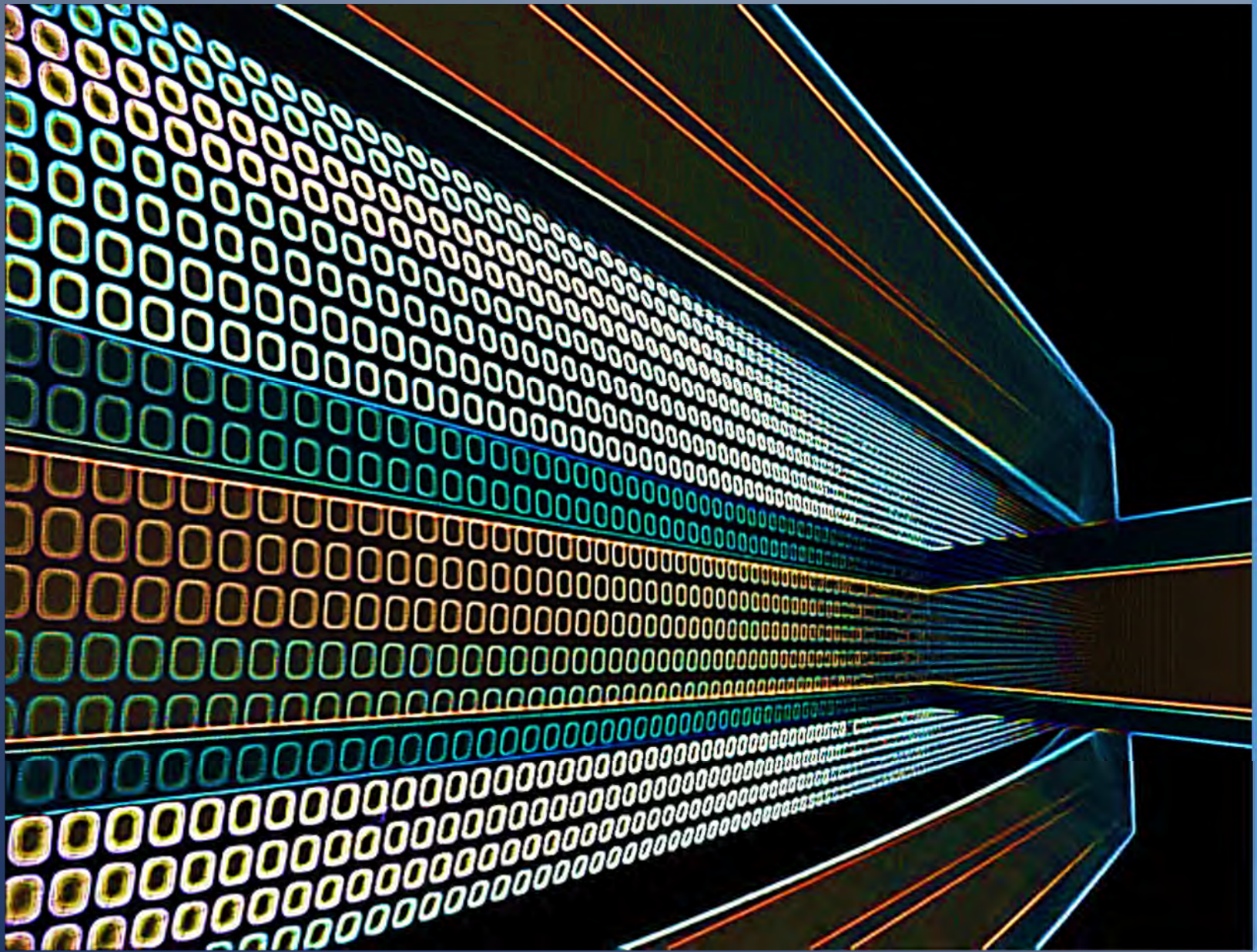
[EDI Bridge](#)

1st 1st Place Winner

1999 2000

OUAC - Ontario Universities' Application Centre

[Model of Electronic Standardization Initiative: Ontario Universities Electronic Transcript Exchange \(OUETS\) System](#)



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PESC LEADS THE ESTABLISHMENT & ADOPTION OF OPEN, TRUSTED DATA STANDARDS ACROSS THE EDUCATION DOMAIN BY SERVING AS AN OPEN STANDARDS-DEVELOPMENT & OPEN STANDARDS-SETTING BODY.

PESC APPROVED STABDARDSM TECHNOLOGY & SERVICES ARE COMMUNITY-SOURCED AND DRIVEN BY PESC SERVING AS AN INCUBATOR TO PILOT AND LAUNCH DATA STANDARDS (EDI, XML, PDF, JSON, JSON-LD) USING AN OPEN, TRANSPARENT, RELIABLE AND COLLABORATIVE PROCESS.

AS A DATA STANDARDS-DEVELOPMENT AND DATA STANDARDS-SETTING BODY FOUNDED IN 1997, PESC GOVERNS RESOURCE MAPPING AND MAINTENANCE OF EDUCATION ECO-SYSTEM SCHEMAS, TAXONOMIES AND SHARED CODE SETS IN VARIOUS TECHNOLOGIES.

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EDI

- 1) ACADEMIC COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT
- 2) ADMISSIONS APPLICATION
- 3) EDUCATION COURSE INVENTORY
- 4) FUNCTIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
- 5) REQUEST & RESPONSE

XML

- 1) ACADEMIC COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT
- 2) ACADEMIC EPORTFOLIO
- 3) ACADEMIC HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
- 4) ACADEMIC RECORD
- 5) ADMISSIONS APPLICATION
- 6) COMMON CREDENTIAL FOR CERTIFICATES, DEGREES & DIPLOMAS
- 7) CORE MAIN
- 8) EDUCATION COURSE INVENTORY
- 9) EDUCATION TEST SCORE REPORTING
- 10) FUNCTIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT
- 11) PDF ATTACHMENT
- 12) REQUEST - RESPONSE
- 13) STUDENT AID
 - COMMON RECORD
 - COMMON RECORD COMMONLINE - CRC
 - STUDENT LOAN DETAIL PORTFOLIO

ANNUAL AWARDS INCLUDE

- 1) 20TH ANNUAL BEST PRACTICES COMPETITION
- 2) DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

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