AACRAO & Ellucian Honored as PESC Founders
Founder Awards Recognize Exceptional Membership and Board Leadership

Washington, D.C. ~ The Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is pleased to recognize and honor the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) and Ellucian as “PESC Founders.” With continuous Annual Membership in PESC and successful, continual election to the PESC Board of Directors since PESC’s founding, AACRAO and Ellucian will be presented with PESC Founder Awards at the April 2022 Data Summit in Washington, D.C. on April 25, 2022.

Listed above are representatives of AACRAO and representatives of Ellucian who have been successfully elected from the PESC Membership to the PESC Board of Directors since PESC’s founding.
"We are honored and humbled to accept this award. Evolving technology and the management of data is a major component of every AACRAO profession, and data standards enable the interoperability required to serve our students and our institutions. We strongly support the continued development of standards from within the user community. Our partnership with PESC is more than strategic, it is foundational to the work of our members and higher education community as a whole."

- Melanie Gottlieb, Interim Executive Director, AACRAO

“As we celebrate the milestone anniversary of The Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council, we are honored to be recognized as a founding partner and are grateful to this community for the service to furthering higher education. PESC standards are integral to the solutions Ellucian delivers to our customers and we value our role and participation in the creation of these standards. We appreciate the leadership of PESC and the other members, particularly at a time when data exchanges are growing and expanding for institutions around the world.”

- Mariam Tariq, Senior Vice President, Product Management, Ellucian

“The expertise, knowledge, guidance, commitment and collective wisdom AACRAO and Ellucian bring to PESC and to the education community are immeasurable. AACRAO and Ellucian are among the very best in higher education in every aspect and PESC is honored and grateful for 25 years of support and partnership at every level. Their continued contributions and collaborations within the community solidify AACRAO and Ellucian as leaders in technology and standards.”

- Michael Sessa, President & CEO, PESC
Representatives from both AACRAO and Ellucian have participated in every PESC standards development effort with several serving as Chairs and/or Co-Chairs. Jerry Bracken (representing AACRAO), Pete Nalli, Bill Hollowsky and Rick Skeel (representing Ellucian), have been elected and served as Chair of the PESC Board of Directors. Additionally, the following representatives are recipients of PESC’s Distinguished Service Awards:

- **AACRAO** – Mike Reilly 2020, Janie Barnett 2018, SPEEDE Committee 2011, Jerry Bracken 2003
- **Ellucian** – Rick Skeel 2017, Ed Hauser 2006, Mark Bolembach 2005

The PESC Founder Awards Ceremony will take place at the April 2022 Data Summit being held in-person in Washington, D.C. April 25-27, 2022. Accepting the Founder Award on behalf of AACRAO is Melanie Gottlieb, Interim Executive Director, AACRAO; while accepting the Founder Award on behalf of Ellucian is Rick Skeel, Product Manager, Ellucian. For more information about the April 2022 Data Summit, please visit [www.pesc.org](http://www.pesc.org).

**About AACRAO**

AACRAO is a non-profit, voluntary, professional association of more than 11,000 higher education professionals who represent approximately 2,600 institutions in more than 40 countries. Its mission is to provide professional development, guidelines, and voluntary standards to be used by higher education officials regarding the best practices in records management, admissions, enrollment management, administrative information technology, and student services. AACRAO represents institutions in every part of the higher education community, from large public institutions to small, private liberal arts colleges.

The association promotes the well-being and advancement of professionals in the higher education community by engaging members in the collaborative pursuit of excellence in admissions, registration, and enrollment services. The association provides relevant programs, professional development tools, and information resources necessary to chart the course for professional success. For more information, please visit [www.aacrao.org](http://www.aacrao.org).

**About Ellucian**

Ellucian is charting the digital future of higher education with a portfolio of cloud-ready technology solutions and services. From student recruitment to workforce analytics; from fundraising opportunities to alumni engagement; Ellucian’s comprehensive suite of data-rich tools gives colleges and universities the information they need to lead with confidence.

Working with a community of more than 2,700 customers in over 50 countries, Ellucian keeps innovating as higher education keeps evolving. Drawing on its comprehensive higher education business acumen and suite of services, Ellucian guides its customers through manageable, sustainable digital transformation—so that every type of institution and student can thrive in today’s fast-changing landscape. To find out what’s next in higher education solutions and services, visit Ellucian at [www.ellucian.com](http://www.ellucian.com).
About PESC

Established in 1997 at The National Center for Higher Education, the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) operates as an international 501(c)(3) non-profit, community-based, umbrella association headquartered in Washington, D.C. of: Data, Software, Technology Service Providers and Vendors; Schools, Districts, Colleges and Universities; College, University and State/Provincial Systems; Local, State/Provincial and Federal Government Offices; Professional, Commercial and Non-Profit Organizations; Non-Profit Associations and Foundations.

PESC leads the establishment and adoption of trusted, free and open data standards across the education domain by serving as an open standards-development and open standards-setting body (governed by a voluntary, consensus-based model), independently funded by annual membership dues, meetings and sponsorships, enabling PESC to support, publish and maintain PESC Approved Standards and technical information free and without charge. For more information, please visit www.pesc.org.

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Distinguished Service Awards
Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council

- 25th Anniversary -

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Many volunteers from the PESC Membership and education community have helped shape PESC into the strong organization it is today.

The success of PESC is due primarily to the valuable output (from white papers to development, approval and maintenance processes of standards) all produced through workgroups and committees that are staffed and run by these volunteers.

Based in openness and transparency, together we support a neutral and welcoming environment with a seat at the table for everyone.

Certain individuals, who exemplify these values and who have performed for PESC above and beyond the call of duty, are recognized by PESC each year with Distinguished Service Awards.

PESC Distinguished Service Awards serve as our opportunity to say thank you for being a leader and for making a positive impact on education.
Distinguished Service Awards

— Founder Awards —
2022

AACRAO & Ellucian

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honored in 2022 at PESC’s 25th Anniversary
Distinguished Service Awards

— OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS —

2022

Recognized for long-term support, participation, leadership & governance in PESC, honored in 2022 at PESC’s 25th Anniversary

Kristi Blabaum
Ascendium Education/NASLA

Michael Morris
ACT

Doug Falk
National Student Clearinghouse

Susan McCrackin
College Board, rtd.

Douglas Holmes
OUAC

Rick Skeel
Ellucian

David K. Moldoff
AcademyOne

Francisco Valines
Florida International University
Distinguished Service Awards

2021
Charmaine Hack
Ryerson University
Romesh Vadivel
McGill University

2020
Joanne Duklas
Duklas Cornerstone Consulting
Alex Jackl
Bardic Systems
Mike Reilly
AACRAO
Jason Weaver
Parchment

2019
Herman de Leeuw
Groningen Declaration Network
Simone Ravaioli
Digitary
Monterey Sims
University of Phoenix
Cathy van Soest
EducationPlannerBC

2018
Janie Barnett
AACRAO
W. Matt Bemis
University of Southern California
National Student Clearinghouse
Distinguished Service Awards

2017
ARUCC
Brian Allison
USA Funds
Doug Falk
National Student Clearinghouse
Mei Hung
Stanford University
David K. Moldoff
AcademyOne
Rick Skeel
Ellucian

2016
Thomas Black
Stanford University
Francisco Valines
Florida International University
Leisa Wellsman
Conestoga College
Andy Wood
Oracle

2015
California Community Colleges Technology Center
Jeffrey Alderson
ConnectEDU
Distinguished Service Awards

2014
Brian Allison
USA Funds
Doug Holmes
OUAC
David Webber
CAM

2013
Hans L’Orange
SHEEO
Susan McCrackin
College Board

2012
John Ittelson
California State University Monterey Bay

2011
AACRAO SPEEDE Committee
Charles Leonhardt
Georgetown University

2010
Kristi Blabaum
Great Lakes Higher Ed/NASLA
Michael Morris
ACT

2009
Steve Biklen
ASA/NASLA
David K. Moldoff
AcademyOne
Clare Smith-Larson
Iowa State University
Distinguished Service Awards

2008
Judith Flink
University of Illinois

2007
AACRAO
Jim Farmer
im+m

2006
Ed Hauser
SunGard Higher Education
Keith Riccitelli
Sallie Mae
Tom Stewart
Miami-Dade Community College

2005
Tim Bornholtz
U.S. Department of Education

2004
Holly Hyland
U.S. Department of Education
Adele Marsh
AES
Dallas Martin
NASFAA
Bruce Marton
University of Texas at Austin
Distinguished Service Awards

2003
Jerry Bracken
Brigham Young University

2002
Steve Margenau
Great Lakes Higher Ed/NASLA
Adele March
PHEAA
Bruce Marton
University of Texas at Austin
Paul Ness
Sallie Mae
Jeanenne Rothenberger
Purdue University
Michael Sessa
ASA/NASLA

2001
Rebecca Babel
ELM Resources
Ellen Blackmun
NASFAA
Steve Margenau
Great Lakes Higher Ed/NASLA
Karl van Neste
College Board

2000
David Leonard
USA Group
Tim Pavlick
KPMG
Dave Stones
University of Texas at Austin
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