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Gaggle.Net Selected as Finalist for two CODiE Awards

BLOOMINGTON, IL - Gaggle.Net, the leading provider of safe student email to school districts across the country, was selected as a finalist in multiple categories for the 24th Annual CODiE Awards, sponsored by the Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA). The categories for Gaggle's Student Email and Collaboration Tools include:

Best Educational Technology Solution for Productivity/Creativity Best Instructional Solution in Other Curriculum Areas

Established in 1986 as the Excellence in Software Awards, the CODiE Awards showcase the software and information industry's finest products and services and honor excellence for corporate achievement and philanthropic efforts. They hold the privilege of being the only peer-recognition awards in the industry, enabling companies to earn the honored praise of their competitors. The CODiE Awards remain the standard for celebrating outstanding achievement and vision in the industry.

Nominees are broken down into three categories: Software, Education and Content. Those categories are then broken down into various sub-categories, thus making the award much harder to win. Ken Wash, President of the Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) said, "The competition is particularly steep this year during the 24th Annual SIIA CODiE Awards, making selection as a CODiE Finalist a real achievement." Wasch further added that "All the companies on this year's list of CODiE Finalists should feel justifiably proud of their accomplishment in making it to this stage, and have much excitement to look forward to regarding the upcoming CODiE Awards voting!"

Mike Kessler, Gaggle's Vice President was quoted saying "We are thrilled to be named as a finalist for the CODiE award. This is the third year in a row that Gaggle has been selected as a finalist, and our first time receiving recognition in multiple categories. We've put a tremendous amount of effort into continuously improving our system and adding important new features. It's exciting that more and more educators are seeing the curriculum benefits of safe online communication and utilizing this tool for their students."

About Gaggle.Net

Founded in 1998, Gaggle.Net is in its ninth year of providing safe, teacher-controlled email to K-12 students across the country and worldwide. Currently, over 14,000 schools are signed up for Gaggle.Net's safe student email system. More then just email, Gaggle.Net has expanded to include student-focused blogs, chat rooms, message boards, digital lockers, and profile pages. All of these features are filtered for inappropriate content and images, and offer full monitoring capabilities to teachers. These tools are located on Gaggle.Net's web-based system so learning and communication can be extend outside the classroom walls. Student's can access their Gaggle accounts from an Internet connected computer.

In addition to safe student communications, Gaggle recently released a new email archiving service to help school districts meet the federal requirements for eDiscovery and open records. The Gaggle solution works with Microsoft Exchange, Groupwise, Lotus Notes, NetMail, Google Apps and many other email servers. It requires no district hardware or software and can be implemented in one day.

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