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## Connections Education, Leading Virtual Education Provider, Honored: 2014 EdTech Digest Awards

***Connexus® Education Management System Recognized; Senior Executives Lauded for e-Learning Vision and Leadership***

**BALTIMORE, April 16, 2014** – Connections Education ([www.ConnectionsEducation.com](http://www.ConnectionsEducation.com)), a leading provider of virtual education solutions for students in grades K–12, has been recognized with three 2014 EdTech Digest Awards. The EdTech Digest Awards Program recognizes people and products that are transforming education through technology to enrich the lives of learners. Featuring the best and brightest in education technology, the annual recognition program seeks to highlight the most effective products and the most innovative people.

### 2014 Connections Education EdTech Digest Awards:

- **Mickey Revenaugh**, Executive Vice President of Connections Education: *Recipient*, Visionary Award
- **Connexus® Education Management System**: *Finalist*, Learning Management System
- **Steven Guttentag**, former Head of School, International Connections Academy, President of Connections Learning by Pearson, and presently Global Head of Direct Delivery for Pearson: *Finalist*, Leadership Award/Edupreneurs and EdTech Startups



Mickey Revenaugh,  
EVP, Connections Education:  
Winner, Visionary Award

“It is an honor to be recognized by *EdTech Digest*,” said Barbara Dreyer, co-founder and chief executive officer of Connections Education. “We are really proud of Connexus®, our proprietary Education Management System – so it’s very rewarding that it was selected by the EdTech Digest panel of judges, all e-learning experts. But we are especially proud that two long-time members of our senior leadership team have been honored for their enormous contributions, not just to our company,

but to the e-learning field in general. Both Mickey Revenaugh and Steven Guttentag are truly pioneers in K-12 educational technology and virtual education who have advanced e-learning opportunities for students and families, as well as schools and districts everywhere.”

**EdTech Digest Visionary Award recipient,** [\*\*Mickey Revenaugh\*\*](#), is a self-described “evangelist for the power of high-quality online and blended learning – and a non-stop advocate for making online/blended learning opportunities available to every student.” She co-founded Connections Academy in 2001, helped launch the Connections Learning by Pearson division in 2011, and now serves as the Executive Vice President for Connections Education. For over 25 years she has been an advocate of education technology. Ms. Revenaugh helped start the multi-billion-dollar national E-rate program to wire every school and library in America to the Internet, serving as Vice President for Outreach and Education during the program’s crucial start-up years. She was also editor of education technology and education reform magazines at Scholastic, including *Teaching & Computers*, *Electronic Learning*, and *America’s Agenda*.

Ms. Revenaugh has served on the board of the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) as Chair and Vice Chair. She speaks and writes frequently on online/blended learning and educational innovation. Ms. Revenaugh graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies from Yale University and has an MBA from New York University.

**Connections Education EdTech Digest Award finalist,** [\*\*Connexus®\*\*](#), is the company’s proprietary online Education Management System, designed by educators and technology experts specifically to support K-12 instruction and administration. Connexus® serves as a student’s portal to their interactive online learning experience; educators can plan curriculum, conduct online classes, and track student progress. Presently used by more than 60,000 students across the country, Connexus® is continuously refined to give teachers, students, and school leaders the tools they need to make online learning effective and affordable.

[\*\*Dr. Steven Guttentag\*\*](#) was named a finalist in the Leadership Award/Edupreneurs and EdTech Startups category. He began his career as a classroom teacher and has spent the last 20 years designing and executing innovative approaches to K-12 education. He has held senior school district administrative positions where he was responsible for technology, facilities, special education, policy analysis, labor relations, budgeting, restructuring, and grants management. He also led KPMG Consulting’s Midwest education practice and was the senior educator for Education Networks of America.

As co-founder of Connections Academy, Dr. Guttentag has been at the forefront of virtual education in the U.S. He recognized early in his career that technology can and should be harnessed to make the best possible educational resources available to every student regardless of location. As Dr. Guttentag says, "Academic achievement should be the constant...when, where and how should be the variables." Dr. Guttentag holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan, a M.Ed. in Teaching and Curriculum from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. in Policy and Administration from the University of Pennsylvania.

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### **About Connections Education**

Connections Education is a leading provider of high-quality, highly accountable virtual education solutions for students in grades K–12. Since 2001, the company's Connections Academy division has delivered individualized learning to students through virtual public schools. Among the schools supported by Connections in the 2013–14 school year are 32 Connections Academy virtual (online) public schools and Nexus Academy blended schools that operate in 23 states and expect to serve more than 45,000 students from across the U.S. A private online academy, International Connections Academy, serves students worldwide. The Connections Learning by Pearson division meets the needs of schools, school districts, and other institutions looking to develop and enhance their online learning programs. Connections Learning by Pearson delivers a full range of targeted digital learning solutions to the K–12 education community including online courses, a program for homebound students, a digital learning platform, and more. Connections Education is committed to expanding quality education through technology and helping students achieve both academic and personal success. For more information, call 800–382–6010 or visit <http://www.ConnectionsEducation.com>. Connections Education is part of the global learning company Pearson (NYSE:PSO).

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