

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Healthcare Learning Innovations, a division of American Sentinel University, Wins WCET Outstanding Work (WOW) Award**

DEAC is delighted to announce that a division of American Sentinel University – Healthcare Learning Innovations – won the WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET) WOW Award at the 2017 WCET Annual Conference! Healthcare Learning Innovations' [Sentinel City@ Population Health Simulation](#) is a digital city developed by nurse educators for use in population health and other nursing courses. The educational simulation harnesses the latest digital technologies, creating an immersive environment that increases new skill retention through elevated engagement while learning. The simulation provides practice experience and simulated clinical hours for students as they complete Family Support and Home Assessments, Clinical Care Plans, Nursing Diagnoses, Windshield Surveys and many other assignments.

Annually since 2004, WCET has presented this award to recognize colleges, universities, and organizations that implement exceptionally creative, technology-based solutions to contemporary challenges in higher education. The WOW award helps WCET meet its mission of promoting innovative and effective practice by providing exemplary programs as models for the higher education community to adapt for their own students and faculty.

Dr. Richard Oliver, American Sentinel's CEO, is known for encouraging the adoption of technology-based solutions. "These technologies help to create 21st century digital educational tools and solutions that enable a superior experience, convenience, and engagement for nursing students and educators."

Representatives from American Sentinel were on hand to receive the WOW Award at WCET's award luncheon. Also in attendance was DEAC's Executive Director, Dr. Leah Matthews, who serves as the Chair of WCET's Steering Committee and is a member of WCET's Executive Council.

In receiving the award, ASU representatives conveyed their heartfelt appreciation. "We are filled with gratitude to WCET for presenting us with this WCET Outstanding Work (WOW) Award. We are thrilled to receive such a unique award and are honored to contribute to the advancement of technology-based learning solutions."

### **ABOUT DEAC**

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1926 that operates as a national accreditor of distance education institutions. DEAC's goal is to ensure a high standard of educational quality in the distance education institutions it accredits and a quality education for the more than two million students who annually study at its accredited institutions.

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