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ODCE 2005 Conference to Feature Presidents' Discussion on Future of Ohio's E-Learning, Presentation of Second Voinovich Award

COLUMBUS, Ohio (March 1, 2005) – What does the future hold for e-learning in Ohio? On Tuesday, March 8, four Ohio college and university presidents will attempt to answer this question during a keynote session at the Ohio Digital Commons for Education (ODCE) 2005 - The Convergence of Libraries, Learning & Technology Conference.

During the keynote session, Presidents Roy Church, Lorain County Community College, M. Valeriana Moeller, Columbus State Community College; Paul Otte, Franklin University; and Nancy Zimpher, University of Cincinnati; will offer their perspectives on funding, policy issues, student engagement, and teaching and learning. Questions submitted by conference attendees will be asked by panel moderator, Kate Carey, executive director of the Ohio Learning Network.

In other conference news, the Ohio Board of Regents will present the second George V. Voinovich Award for Information Innovation on March 7 to Dr. Clifford Lynch, executive director of the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), for his contributions in the use of information technology and networked information for the advancement of scholarship, librarianship, and intellectual productivity.

The award, created in 2002 by the Ohio Board of Regents in recognition of OhioLINK's ten years of service, is named for Ohio's Senator George V. Voinovich. As Ohio governor, Voinovich spearheaded approval of initial major funding for OhioLINK, a consortium of 84 academic libraries and the State Library of Ohio, in 1992.

The Voinovich Award recognizes an individual who develops and champions solutions to the problem of connecting people and information effectively and efficiently. The first award was presented in 2002 to Frederick G. Kilgour, founder of the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC).

The ODCE 2005 Conference is a three-day event, March 6-8, offering workshops and sessions on instruction, libraries and electronic media, e-learning, and technology-enabled education in Ohio. It will be held at the Hilton Columbus at Easton Town Center. The conference is sponsored by the Ohio Learning Network, OhioLINK, and the Ohio Supercomputer Center/OARnet. For more information, or to register, visit the conference Web site at <http://www.olin.org/conferences/ODCE2005>.

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For **advance media registration**, please call Candi Clevenger at 614-728-3600, ext. 329 by Friday, March 4.

Online sources: Biography of Clifford Lynch – http://www.cni.org/staff/clifford_index.html
Ohio Learning Network – www.olin.org
OhioLINK – www.ohiolink.edu
Ohio Supercomputer Center – www.osc.edu