



114th Partnership declared a finalist in two categories in 2019 EdTech Awards

Flagship program Spark 101 and Founder Jane Kubasik recognized for outstanding achievement

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Finalists for The **EdTech Awards 2019** have been announced to a worldwide audience of educators, technologists, students, parents, and policymakers interested in building a better future for learners and leaders in the education and workforce sectors.

The <u>114th Partnership</u>'s flagship program, <u>Spark 101</u>, was a finalist in the <u>EdTech Cool Tool Awards</u> category, while Founder and Board Chair Jane Kubasik was a finalist in the CEO / Founder category of the <u>EdTech Leadership Awards</u>.

Now in its 9th year, the US-based program is the largest and most competitive recognition program in all of education technology, recognizing the biggest names in edtech – and those who soon will be. "Nearly a decade in, The EdTech Awards persists in its salute," said Victor Rivero, who as Editor-in-Chief of EdTech Digest, oversees the program. "And nearly a decade in, the people driving edtech forward persist in their passion to improve learning. The EdTech Awards 2019 celebrates edtech's best and brightest all year long; innovators, leaders, and trendsetters who are shaping the future of learning."

The EdTech Awards recognizes people in and around education for outstanding contributions in transforming education through technology to enrich the lives of learners everywhere.

Kubasik commented, "For many years I've admired the work EdTech undertakes to highlight advancements in the field of education technology. I'm so proud of my team and the Spark 101 STEM Skills Video service for being honored as a finalist in the Cool Tool category. - and am humbled to be in such good company as a finalist for this year's leadership award."

Since 2002, the 114th Partnership has worked with employers and educators to design, produce, and deliver real world "onthe-job" career challenges that encourage the application of standards-based academic skills in high-opportunity careers utilizing in-person and video formats through its Spark 101 program. In addition, the 114th recently premiered a new Spark 101 program feature, entitled Spark 101 Career Snapshot Videos (Snapshots). The videos, which are 60-90 second introductions to high-growth career fields – profile in-demand careers in <u>healthcare</u>, <u>cybersecurity</u>, and <u>insurance</u> – and are designed to provide students and/or jobseekers with a window into careers they may not have known existed and to subsequently inspire a next-step action. Those actions include, but are not limited to, in-depth exploratory actions within college and career counseling and planning platforms.

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Further information about the 114th Partnership is available here: <u>www.114th.org</u> The full Spark 101 video library is available here: <u>www.spark101.org</u>

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