

## **IDLA inducted into “Hall of Fame for Excellence in Collaboration”**

Orlando, FL – Wimba® Inc, a leading provider of collaborative solutions for educators around the world, announced its inaugural class of “Hall of Fame for Excellence in Collaboration” inductees on Tuesday, March 24 during an awards ceremony held at the company’s third annual user conference.

This award acknowledges and celebrates educators around the world who show exemplary innovation and creativity in their use of the Wimba Collaboration Suite™.

“Selecting five inductees from the nearly 50 nominees was especially challenging in this first year because our pool of candidates was so strong,” said Matt Wasowski, senior director of customer programs at Wimba. “They all exhibit excellence in collaboration.”



IDLA’s Mike Caldwell (center) receives Hall of Fame Award.

“We are honored to be among the highly qualified nominees to receive this award from Wimba,” said Mike Caldwell, IDLA Director of Supervision & Development. “This recognizes the collaboration and partnerships that IDLA has created with the many educational partners across the state of Idaho.”

Idaho Digital Learning Academy has used Wimba since 2004 to offer students in Idaho the opportunity to take classes not offered in their local school districts. Three years ago, after demonstrating great success in the classroom, Idaho Digital Learning began using Wimba to deliver professional development to teachers geographically dispersed across the large state.

Since the fall of 2008, nearly every region and school district within Idaho has participated in hundreds of webinars and trainings – covering topics such as School Improvement, Educational Technology, Curriculum, Instruction and Implementation, as well as webinars for students. Through its survey data, IDLA estimates that, in *one* year, the state saved nearly \$120,000 in mileage reimbursement costs, eliminated over 7,200 “out of office” hours and even removed nearly 237,000 pounds of carbon dioxide.