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Royal Tyrrell Museum wins National Award

Drumheller... Distance Learning Program wins CMA award for Outstanding Achievement in Education

Each year, the Canadian Museum Association presents awards to celebrate and encourage excellence within the Canadian museum sector. This week, the Royal Tyrrell Museum staff were thrilled to discover that the Museum's Distance Learning Program was selected for an award for Outstanding Achievement in the Education category.

Thanks to ATCO's generous support, live interactive videoconference programs are presented to schools across North America from the Distance Learning Studio in the ATCO Tyrrell Learning Centre. The Award Committee was unanimous in their decision and felt that, "this project was nationally significant and exceeded the current standards of practice. Therefore, these achievements have allowed this nomination to stand out and merit the CMA award."

When considering the number of programs offered annually, the Royal Tyrrell Museum is a Canadian leader in the field of videoconferencing education. Using the Alberta SuperNet and videoconferencing equipment, to date the Museum has delivered 475 programs to over 12,800 students throughout Alberta, Canada, the United States, and beyond.

Jason Martin, Director of Operations & Finance, states, "Our Distance Learning Team is just so pleased to share Alberta's rich culture to the world in such an effective manner through videoconferencing, and is quite honoured to receive this national recognition for doing so."

Operated by Alberta Culture and Community Spirit, the Royal Tyrrell Museum is located six kilometres northwest of Drumheller on Highway 838. The Museum is on its winter schedule, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, visit www.tyrrellmuseum.com or call 403-823-7707, dial 310-0000 for toll free access in Alberta.

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