

## **SEIR-TEC Patterns of Promise Award**

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The practices recognized were among those submitted by schools in 12 southeastern states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands--the region served by the Southeast and Islands Regional Technology in Education Consortium (SEIRuTEC). This partnership of national, regional, and university-based organizations helps states, local education agencies, and school personnel integrate advanced technologies into K-12 classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings. To make information about best practices available to schools everywhere, SEIR-TEC at AEL will publish a book and a companion web site that describe the ideas from the three schools plus nine others. The book, *Patterns of Promise*, will identify common elements of good instructional technology and serve as a resource to teachers and schools.

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### **Press Release:**

The Florida Virtual School to be Honored at National Conference  
Orlando  
*November 2, 1999*

A majority of Americans believe that technology can play an important role in improving education, yet effective technology use continues to be beyond the reach of many schools. The Florida Virtual School's innovative approach can serve as a model for schools that are struggling to improve their use of computers and other instructional technology.

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