Award Title: USDLA Rising Star Award
Award Description: The Rising Star Award is presented to an individual demonstrating exceptional promise in the field of distance education. The individual will have spent less than 5 years in the field of Distance Education.

| Criteria | Strong (10) | Medium (5) | Weak (1) | Sample Artifacts |
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| Major impact on advancement of distance learning | The individual has made significant advancements in the distance education field and has documented results | The individual has made some advancements in the online learning field and has some documented results | The individual has made no advancement in the online learning field and has no documentation | Documents showing the results of their efforts |
| Creativity | The individual demonstrates unique innovative practices in distance education | The individual demonstrates continuation of distance education practices previously started | The individual demonstrates little to no distance learning practices beyond what is existing in the field have done | Demonstrates little to no evidence showing new practices |
| Achievements: Outline the milestones in your career this year. What do you consider to be your core achievements within the last twelve months and why do you believe that this is the year that you should be the Rising Star Award | Timeline of the last 12 months and the documented progression of the achievement(s). | Partial timeline and some documented progression of the achievement(s). | No timeline and no documented progression of achievement(s) | Resume or Evidence of milestones |