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SKILLS Global Named SIIA Education Technology CODiE Award Finalist for Best Solution for Special Needs Students

Skills[®] for Autism earns prestigious industry recognition

Woodland Hills, CA, June 12, 2017 - Software company SKILLS Global today announced that Skills[®] for Autism was named a 2017 SIIA CODIE Award finalist in the Best Solution for Special Needs Students category. Finalists represent applications, products and services from developers of educational software, digital content, online learning services and related technologies across the PreK-20 sector.

Skills[®] for Autism is a comprehensive online tool which helps educators, mental health clinicians and families to create and implement customized teaching plans for children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). ASD is the fastest growing neurological disorder worldwide, affecting approximately 1 percent of the global population. With two patents pending, Skills[®] represents a huge step forward in the field and fills an urgent need for care and educational support for this unique, growing community.

"Becoming a CODiE Finalist in recognition of the effectiveness and positive impact of the Skills[®] for Autism tool is a wonderful affirmation of the work SKILLS Global has done to improve the lives of children and families affected with autism worldwide," said Eliana Ferreira, CEO of SKILLS Global. "We are so pleased and honored that Skills[®] is a part of this prestigious group of innovative products making a difference in education for the special needs population."

The <u>SIIA CODiE Awards</u> are the premier awards for the software and information industries, and have been recognizing product excellence for over 30 years. The awards offer 93 categories that are organized by industry focus of education technology and business technology. Skills[®] for Autism was honored as one of 160 finalists across the 34 education technology categories.

"I am impressed by the level of innovation and creativity demonstrated by the 2017 CODiE award finalists. These products are opening doors for learners of all ages by combining new technologies with research about how people learn in order to respond to student and educator needs." said Bridget Foster, Senior Vice President and Managing Director of the Education Technology Industry Network (ETIN), a division of SIIA.

The SIIA CODiE Awards are the industry's only peer-reviewed awards program. Educators and administrators serve as judges and conduct the first-round review of all education nominees. Their scores determine the SIIA CODiE Award finalists, and SIIA members then vote on the finalist products. The scores from both rounds are tabulated to select the winners. Winners will be announced during a <u>CODiE Award Winner Ceremony</u> in San Francisco on July 26 at the Education Impact Symposium, hosted by the Education Technology Industry Network (ETIN), a division of SIIA.

Details about each finalist are listed at http://www.siia.net/codie/Finalists

About SKILLS Global, LLC

With two patents pending, SKILLS Global is the leading provider of software as a service solution for behavioral health. Founded in 2010, SKILLS Global provides web-based and mobile application software to school districts, managed care organizations, families and autism treatment providers worldwide. For more information, visit <u>https://www.skillsforautism.com/</u>.

About the SIIA CODiE[™] Awards

The **SIIA CODiE Awards** is the only peer-reviewed program to showcase business and education technology's finest products and services. Since 1986, thousands of products, services and solutions have been recognized for achieving excellence. For more information, visit <u>siia.net/CODiE</u>.

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