

## OTAN's Penny Pearson Named 2017 NROC Ambassador of the Year

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As a non-profit organization, NROC partners with educators to create open and low-cost courses and tools designed to recognize every student's unique learning needs and preferences. These resources can be adapted and scaled to meet programmatic goals in a variety of instructional settings.

"NROC" started as the National Repository of Online Courses. Now, the organization defines itself as much more. NROC is emblematic of an approach defined by four shared beliefs:

**NETWORK** - *Institutions benefit from working together.*

**RESOURCES** - *Educators are empowered by high-quality, multimedia content and applications.*

**OPEN** - *Membership keeps costs low for institutions, and free for individuals.*

**COLLEGE & CAREER** - *We're committed to helping students pursue academic and life success.*

During the NROC 2017 Member meeting, OTAN's Penny Pearson received the following recognition:

"Since the earliest days of this project, this individual has generously shared her expertise to help NROC develop a working understanding of the needs of a very special population of learners. With great patient persistence and a can-do spirit, she has been on the planning committee of every member meeting, worked to support pilots of early releases of our products, and presented at numerous webinars and conferences about our partnership. Like Judy Lowe, our very first Ambassador in 2015, this member has even provided projection equipment for our meetings. She and her colleagues have been diligent about bringing [the powerful stories of adult learners](#) to our annual member meeting – and this year is no exception.

We are pleased to announce the 2017 NROC Ambassador of the Year is Penny Pearson, Coordinator of Distance Learning, Outreach and Technical Assistance Network (OTAN), CA

Thank you to Penny and the rest of the OTAN team for helping us understand how EdReady, HippoCampus, and NROC Math and English resources can best serve the unique needs of adult educators and the diversity of learners they serve.

The work of OTAN in the state of California is groundbreaking and more important than ever - and we are proud to be a partner in their efforts."