# HELIX 2001

Higher Education Learning & Information eXchange

Converging Technologies: Effective Approaches in Distributed Learning

March 22-23, 2001

## General Information:

The 2001 Higher Education Learning & Information eXchange (HELIX) conference is designed to bring together those faculty, administrators, library and technical personnel from higher education charged with supporting instruction and with applying technology to the teaching and learning process. This year's theme, *Converging Technologies: Effective Approaches in Distributed Learning*, is reflective of the growth in distributed and distance learning programs and the need for higher education stakeholders to keep current with the latest happenings in the field.

This year we are expecting over 450 participants to attend the two-day conference that will feature up to 25 unique breakout sessions in five application tracks: *Administration, Library, Faculty, New and Emerging Technologies, and Technical*. Participants will have an opportunity to study key issues, learn new approaches, see new technologies, and to share best practices and network with colleagues in a relaxed and informal setting. This year's conference will also feature roundtable sessions where conference participants will have the opportunity to explore diverse and pressing issues with colleagues from across the state.

## Conference Topic Areas:

- **IT management and policy issues.** How administration and staff have adapted their instructional and technical support services, faculty development services, operations and organizational structures to contend with the explosion of distributed learning initiatives.
- **Digital library services.** How library staff have adapted their support services to meet the growing demand for digital library services and dealt with accompanying issues such as authentication, intellectual property and copyright issues.
- **Developments, trends and best practices for combining instruction, learning, and technology.** An opportunity for faculty and instructional design staff to showcase their projects, and to discuss what tools and techniques they are using to maximize learning in distributed education environments.
- **Serving "digital age" students in the digital age.** A forum for introducing and discussing how innovations such as Internet2, wireless networking, streaming audio and video and other recent technology developments are, and will impact distributed learning.
- **Innovative applications of technology.** Focus areas might include (but are not limited to) topics such as: bandwidth, security, e-commerce, firewalls, proxy servers, Web course management tools, H.323 videoconferencing, networking, voice over IP, etc.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Missouri Research and Education Consortium (MERC), the Missouri Research & Education Network (MOREnet), the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) and Educational Technologies at Missouri (ET@MO).

## Keynote:

*Dr. Mary Beth Susman, CEO Kentucky Virtual University*
*The Orbital Shift in Education*

Mary Beth Susman is the first Chief Executive Officer of the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University. Dr. Susman is a well-known national speaker on Distance Education issues and The Virtual University. She recently received the Bellwether Futures Award for Innovations in Higher Education for the Planning and Finance, and Organization of the Colorado Electronic Community College. Dr. Susman received her BA degree from Creighton University and her MA and Ph.D. degree in Sociology from the University of Denver. Her research has focused on innovation and implementation of technology in higher education

## Conference Dates:

March 22-23, 2001

## Conference Location:

The conference will be held at Marriott's Tan-Tar-A resort, Osage Beach, Missouri. Room Reservations must be made by February 21, 2001 to be guaranteed the conference room rate of $76.00. For information or reservations, contact Tan-Tar-A at (800) 826-8272.

***More information and the Conference website to be announced in early December.***