Diana G. Oblinger, Ph.D. Announced as Keynote Speaker for 3rd Annual Conference on Technology and Standards in Higher Education

March 3, 2006 Washington DC ~ The Consumer Bankers Association (CBA), the Education Finance Council (EFC), the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs (NCHelp), and the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) are pleased to announce Diana G. Oblinger, Ph.D. as the Keynote Speaker for the 3rd Annual Conference on Technology and Standards in Higher Education to be held May 1 – 3, 2006 in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Oblinger’s Keynote Address, “Integrating Tradition and Technology” will highlight how information technology has catalyzed the creation of new forms of communication, self-expression, and collaboration. She will explore how well education is keeping pace with user expectations, IT capabilities, learning principles, cultural shifts, and the impact of social networking, podcasting, and videoblogging. The Keynote Address is scheduled for Tuesday May 2, 2006 at 1:30pm.

Dr. Diana G. Oblinger is Vice President for EDUCAUSE, responsible for the association’s teaching and learning activities and the director of the EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative (see http://www.educause.edu/eli). She also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Adult and Higher Education at North Carolina State University. While employed by two major technology firms, Oblinger continued her focus on higher education. At Microsoft she served as the Executive Director of Higher Education. She also held a variety of management positions within IBM’s higher education division. In addition, she was the IBM Director of the Institute for Academic Technology.

Known for her leadership in teaching and learning with technology as well as distributed learning, she serves on a variety of boards including the National Science Foundation’s Directorate of Education and Human Resources, the National Academies Forum on Information Technology and Research Universities, and the editorial board of Open Learning. She chairs the National Visiting Committee for the National Science Digital Library project for National Science Foundation. Dr. Oblinger has testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Employment, Safety and Training and the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Technology.
Oblinger is a frequent keynote speaker as well as the co-author of the book *What Business Wants from Higher Education* which received the 1999 Frandson Award for best literature in continuing education. She is co-editor of six books: *The Learning Revolution, The Future Compatible Campus, Renewing Administration, The “E” is for Everything, Best Practices in Student Services,* and *Educating the Net Generation.* She is the author or co-author of dozens of monographs and articles on higher education and technology. Dr. Oblinger has received outstanding teaching and research awards and was named Young Alumnus of the Year by Iowa State University. She holds three degrees from Iowa State University: a B.S. in Botany, an M.S. in Plant Breeding and a Ph.D. in Plant Breeding and Cytogenetics. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Xi.

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