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### **Babson wins IT leadership award**

The magazine EdTech: Focus on Higher Education has announced the final three winners of its first-annual IT Leadership Awards, which recognize the innovative use of technology on higher education campuses. Purdue University, Babson College and Dyersburg State Community College will each receive a \$2,000 technology shopping spree at CDWG.com. In addition, EdTech will feature the winners in the August-September issue.

The Pedagogy and IT Practice award sought entries describing how higher education institutions are leveraging technology to improve instruction and student service. A panel of judges from Duke University selected one winner among contenders in each of three categories: private institutions, public institutions and community colleges.

Babson College won the Pedagogy and IT Practice award in the private institution category with an entry submitted by Stephen Laster, director for the college's Curriculum Innovation and Technology Group. Laster's entry outlined an initiative to make technology-based distance learning for its MBA Fast Track program students more interactive by integrating Blackboard, Elluminate and Adobe Breeze. The program provides faculty with a forum to draw out ideas, punctuate key points and facilitate high-quality case discussions typically only found in the traditional classroom environment in online classes.