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**Muzzy Lane & Education Design Lab Earn 1EdTech™ 2022 Gold Learning Impact Award**

*Joint venture project, [XCredit](#), wins esteemed award and recognition for use of simulations to develop and assess 21st-century skills.*

**MERRIMAC, MASS. - July 14, 2022** – [1EdTech™](#) (formerly IMS Global) recently announced that [Muzzy Lane](#), a global leader in educational simulations, won the [2022 Gold Learning Impact Award](#) for their work on [XCredit](#) - a collaboration with the [Education Design Lab](#) (“The Lab”).

The 1EdTech Learning Impact Awards recognize high-impact, evidence-based digital learning solutions and strategies implemented in an educational setting to elevate learning experiences and impact. From the 34 finalists in this year's competition, a [panel of judges](#) selected those demonstrating the most significant impact on personalized learning, institutional performance, and the digital learning ecosystem.

The [XCredit project](#) is creating scalable, engaging assessments through micro-credentialing courses and providing credit for experiences individuals have acquired informally that are often undocumented or unrecognized. The first use case was designed to help veterans transitioning into the civilian workforce and unemployed or underemployed civilians looking for jobs. XCredit helps give value to skills garnered through on-the-job and life experience, like [21st Century Skills](#), and make them more visible to empower learners and create career pathways.

As part of the partnership, Muzzy Lane used their expertise in creating simulations to assess student skills and learning. These immersive, authentic assessments ask students to apply what they've learned rather than simply recalling answers. In addition, the partnership allows the Lab to scale by providing automatically scored assessments for complex skills. The Lab is a pioneer of innovative digital credentialing, previously creating [21st Century Skills Micro-credentials](#), which demonstrate competence in high-demand soft skills—such as empathy, critical thinking, intercultural fluency, and collaboration—that have traditionally been difficult to assess.

“We are honored to be recognized by our peers, especially those using our science-based assessments,” said Muzzy Lane CEO David McCool. “We would like to thank our community of companies, administrators, and leaders who recognize the essential need of 21st-century skills and have shown how XCredit has been effective in helping employees to showcase their abilities and achieve their professional dreams.”

“The XCredit skills validation ecosystem is a game changer for providing equitable recognition of what a person knows and can do,” says Dr. Naomi Boyer, Executive Director of Digital Transformation at Education Design Lab. “The Lab is thrilled to be recognized for this work and to innovate with a partner like Muzzy Lane. Together, along with our network of partners, we are collectively transforming age-old assumptions about where and when learning occurs.”

Learn more about the XCredit project [here](#). For information on the project’s 1EdTech Gold Learning Impact Award, you can watch the [video overview](#), [read their award submission](#), and visit the award page [here](#). For more information about these assessments, please contact [Muzzy Lane](#).

### **About Muzzy Lane**

Muzzy Lane builds technology to enable authors to create “no coding required” online simulations that develop and auto-assess skills. The company aims to get thousands of educators, instructional designers, and course developers building with Muzzy Lane. The company believes in empowering instructors, not replacing them. Learn more at [MuzzyLane.com](#).

### **About Education Design Lab**

The Lab is a national nonprofit that co-designs, prototypes, and tests education-to-workforce models through a human-centered design process focused on understanding learners’ experiences, addressing equity gaps in higher education, and connecting new majority learners to economic mobility. Learn more at [eddesignlab.org](#).

### **About 1EdTech**

[1EdTech](#) is a member-based non-profit community partnership of leading educational providers at all levels, government organizations, and edtech suppliers working together to enable better digital teaching and learning. This unique collaboration establishes the connectivity that accelerates an open, innovative, and trusted education ecosystem in which products work together to enable better learning. Together, we power learner potential. 1EdTech hosts the annual Learning Impact conference and other engagement opportunities to advance the leadership and ideas that shape the future of learning. 1EdTech is supported by an affiliated public charity, the 1EdTech Foundation, that puts philanthropic funds to work for our cause.

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