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## **GLOBALORIA RECEIVES A 2014 GOOGLE RISE AWARD**

*Globaloria Recognized for Helping Build the Next Generation of Digital Leaders*

FEBRUARY 3, 2014: Globaloria was named today a recipient of a 2014 Google RISE Award.

42 organizations in 19 countries were recognized for their collective effort to build the next generation of digital leaders by engaging girls and underrepresented students in computer science learning.

Now in its fifth year, the RISE Awards support innovations, such as Globaloria, that work to increase interest in and access to computer science learning opportunities. The need has never been as apparent as it is today. The technology industry is one of the fastest growing industries in the U.S. and technology job opportunities are predicted to grow at a faster rate than all other jobs in the professional sector, up to 22 percent over the next decade. Interest in computer science education in America's schools, especially in underserved communities continues to lag.

"The Globaloria learning network and courses are designed to close computational-inventiveness and STEM knowledge gaps so young people in all zip codes can learn to become creative developers and active leaders in today's digital world," said Dr. Idit Harel Caperton, Founder & CEO of Globaloria. "As members of the Google RISE community, we spread transformative computing learning programs so youth everywhere can experience, learn and become tomorrow's tech leaders."

Google Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt believes "for most people on Earth, the digital revolution hasn't even started yet. Within the next 10 years, all that will change. Let's get the world coding!"

"We know technology has the power to change the world for the better and Google has made it a priority to inspire young people to not just use technology, but to create it," Schmidt said.

### **About Google RISE Awards**

Google RISE Awards are designed to support organizations that promote access to Computer Science education and give students aged 7-18 the opportunity to become creators – not just consumers – of tomorrow's technological innovations. Began in 2010, Google partners with organizations running programs that inspire, engage, and retain students on a long-term path in the field of computing.

### **About Globaloria**

Globaloria is a K12 learning platform (or MOOC) with courses for teaching computer science, game design, and coding. Globaloria has served over 10,500 students and educators in eight states and 20 countries to date. In 2014, it will reach students in 7 states: Alabama, California, New York, Texas, Oklahoma, West Virginia and Wyoming – making Globaloria the nation's largest education innovation of its kind. Research has shown that Globaloria is scalable and effective, educates youth in technical and computational skills and content knowledge that results in increased STEM, content and digital learning abilities. Globaloria helps rethink teaching and learning, engages girls and underrepresented minorities in computer science, and prepares them for college studies, digital citizenship, and careers in the global knowledge economy.

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