



**Digital Badges: It's Not Your Usual Scout Badges!**

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**Today's Session**

- Describing the Los Angeles Summer of Learning
- Understanding the Principles of Connected Learning
- Identifying Partners and Creating Digital Badges
- Looking at Our Results

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**Vision**

*Los Angeles Summer of Learning 2014 is a public-private **partnership** that looks at Los Angeles like a **campus** and brings together an unprecedented **coalition** of city and county agencies, community based organizations, philanthropies, **public and private** companies and the Mayor's office, to offer students enhanced opportunities for **summer learning** and better prepare them to enter the **workforce**.*

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### Los Angeles Summer of Learning (LASL)

LASL 2014 seeks to deepen the public/private collaboration between a variety of partners and the City of Los Angeles and LAUSD to:

- *Prevent critical summer learning loss* for LA's most at-risk youth by advancing higher caliber summer and after school programs
- *Expand workforce opportunities* and spur economic development
- *Enhance academic programs* based on 21st Century skills
- *Provide badging and pathways* to support ongoing independent learning for years to come

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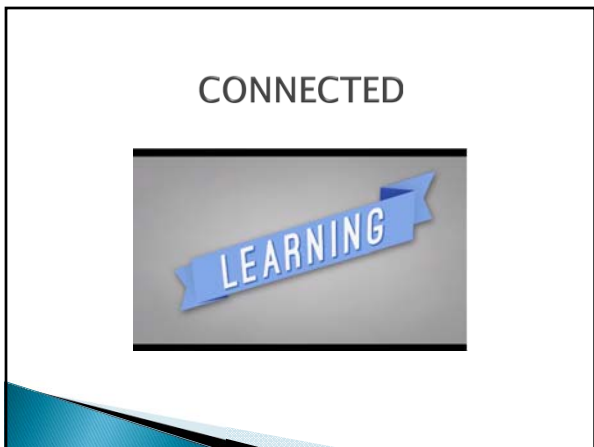
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### Badges – Digital Representations of Connected Learning

- Students receive recognition and credit in meaningful social and interest settings
- Badges offer learning pathways; students earn badges wherever they live or attend school
- Students engage in real world experiences and work with mentors, adult models

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### Types of Badges

Community	Skill	Knowledge	Showcase
Community badges recognize behaviors and attributes that are valued by the community and reinforce social norms and practices.	Skill badges provide learners with indicators of developing competencies and broaden their understanding of their capabilities and accomplishments.	Knowledge badges convey that the learner has understood and integrated a specific and important body of information in meaningful and lasting ways	Showcase badges highlight a learner's efforts to share their progress and skills to valued audiences, promoting a sense of pride, ownership and identity.

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## Designing Digital Badges

Badge Image		Badge Name
		Description
		Criteria
		Issuer
		Evidence
		Date Issued

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## Not the Usual Scout Badges!



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## Preparing Partners for the Los Angeles Summer of Learning



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So...

How Did We Do?

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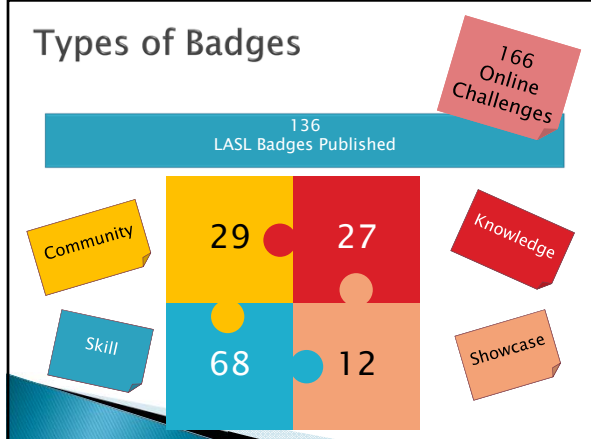
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### Types of Badges



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### Badges Awarded

Organization	# Badges
LAUSD Beyond the Bell Units	25,778
City Departments	5,247
CBO's and Private Companies	373
Libraries	48
Museums	44
Total	31,490

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## The Learner

Gender Balanced

English Learners- 45%

Low Socio-Economic  
Status-65%

Ethnicity: Reflected  
the Same Ratio as  
LAUSD

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## Student/Partner Testimonials



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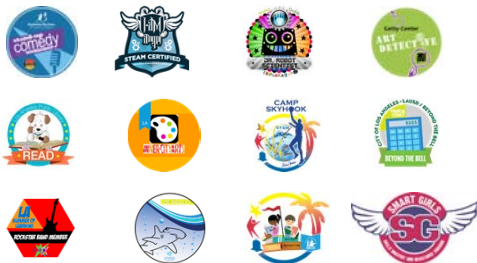
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## Digital Badges: It's Not Your Usual Scout Badges!



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## 838 opportunities to earn a badge!



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## For more information...

- ▶ <https://summeroflearnig.la>
- ▶ <http://btb.lausd.net>
- ▶ <http://clalliance.org/>
- ▶ <https://badgkit.org/>

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