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2016 SIIA CODiE FINALIST

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**Listen Current Named SIIA Education CODiE Award Finalist for
the Best ESL, ELL or World Language Acquisition Solution**

Listen Current earns prestigious education industry recognition

WASHINGTON (April 6, 2016) Listen Current, an innovative educational technology startup company focused on listening skills, was named a finalist for the 2016 SIIA CODiE Awards in the Best ESL, ELL or World Language Acquisition Solution category. The [SIIA CODiE Awards](#) are the premier awards for the software and information industries, and have been recognizing product excellence for over 30 years. The awards offer 91 categories that are organized by industry focus of education technology and business technology.

Founded by award-winning journalist Monica Brady-Myerov, Listen Current makes it easy to bring authentic voices and engaging non-fiction stories to the classroom. Listen Current curates the best of public radio (NPR) to keep teaching connected to the real world and build student listening skills at the same time. Listen Current is a LearnLaunchX graduate and a 2016 SXSW Startup Launch Finalist.

“We are very excited and honored to be named a 2016 SIIA CODiE Award Finalist. The benefits of using authentic audio stories in the classroom are undeniable - interesting stories about the real world that expose intermediate and advanced English Learners to more spoken academic English. Each lesson comes with built in literacy supports such as interactive transcripts, vocabulary and reduced speed audio. Teachers and students love it!” said Listen Current Founder and CEO, Monica Brady-Myerov.

“Every year the list of CODiE finalists is a case study of how the ed tech industry is using new technologies in combination with knowledge about how people learn to respond to customer needs. They’re opening doors for learners of all ages.” said Karen Billings, vice president and managing director of ETIN.

2016 SIIA CODiE Winners will be announced during a [virtual award ceremony](#) on May 18. The top honor of best overall educational product will be presented at [Education Industry Symposium](#), the nation’s leading education technology conference, in Denver July 26. The announcement will take place during a special celebration party and dinner.

Details about each finalist are listed at <http://www.sii.net/codie/Finalists>

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About SIIA

SIIA is an umbrella association representing 800+ technology, data and media companies globally. Industry leaders work through SIIA's divisions to address issues and challenges that impact their industry segments with the goal of driving innovation and growth for the industry and each member company. This is accomplished through in-person and online business development opportunities, peer networking, corporate education, intellectual property protection and government relations. For more information, visit siia.net.

About ETIN

ETIN (the Education Technology Industry Network of SIIA) is the leading voice for 200+ companies that provide software applications, digital content, online learning services and related technologies across the PK-20 sector. ETIN drives growth and innovation within the industry by providing leadership, advocacy, business development opportunities, government relations and critical ed tech market information. For more information, visit siia.net/etin.

About Listen Current

Listen Current makes it easy to bring authentic voices and engaging non-fiction stories to the classroom. Listen Current offers daily current events and lessons for middle and high school teachers in science, social studies and English Language Arts. The real world relevance of these audio stories help students connect with the curriculum. All the while, students are working on critical listening skills for college and career readiness, which have almost been entirely missing from classroom instruction. Find more information at: <https://listencurrent.com>

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