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## News & Updates

### SYBAC Hears from Industry Professionals

The school year looks a bit different for our SYBAC students, but one thing that is the same is our virtual discussions about broadband and technology. We have been able to continue the video conversations similar to years past, and the students have had active discussions with industry professionals.

In addition, this year's SYBAC students were given the task of working their way through the self-paced [Fortinet NSE 1 Program certificate](#). The course highlights many individuals behind cybersecurity attacks, what motivates bad actors, and the principal causes of computer and network breaches.

[Read more about the SYBAC](#)

### Voice Service Includes Encryption & Mobility

**Customer Announcement:** Many customers continue to operate with a remote staff by implementing encryption and mobility features using our Voice platform. Read about 5 benefits our customers have appreciated using our Voice service.

- Encryption
- Mobility
- Voicemail Forwarding
- Call Display
- Web Portal Management

[Read about our Voice service benefits.](#)

### Internet2 Presidential Primary Sources Project

ICN wants to encourage our education users to take advantage of Internet2's 2021 Presidential Primary Sources Project (PPSP) program series.

Internet2's 2021 PPSP is an interactive distance learning program in collaboration with numerous National Park Sites and Presidential Libraries around the country. These sites present a series of free 45-minute interactive videoconferencing programs aimed at students in grades 4-12.

[Read about Internet2 Presidential Primary Sources Project](#)

### Important Rural Health Care Dates

- Connected Care Pilot Program application window closes on December 7, 2020. [Additional Information.](#)

### Broadband News

[FirstNet is Interoperability](#)

[FCC Awards \\$1.37M in E-Rate Funding to Schools in 32 States and Puerto Rico](#)

[Gov. Reynolds announces \\$5 million in Empower Rural Iowa broadband grants as part of Rural Iowa Initiative](#)

[Top tips for staying secure online](#)

[Tips For Building Early Reading Skills Online](#)

[Student seeks to create the 'Netflix of online learning'](#)

[FCC Releases Form 477 Data on Broadband Deployment as of Dec. 31, 2019](#)

[How assistive artificial intelligence improves emergency response](#)

[Free Remote Learning Projects](#)

[2020 E-Rate Trend Report](#)

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- FY2021 Rural Health Care (RHC) Program Filing Window Opens on January 4, 2021. [Additional Information.](#)



If you need broadband services, network equipment, etc., you may be eligible for funding through the Healthcare Connect Fund Program. Go to the [Rural Health Care website](#) for more information.

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