

2009 NDLTD ETD Awards Acceptance Speech – Kelly Barkhurst

Thank you for this great honor. It is truly a wonderful way to celebrate the end of 8-years of school.

I am so pleased that my thesis project has been deemed innovative because of the integration of multimedia in its submission. This award is also a great compliment to the project case-studied in my thesis, which is also innovative in its approach and development via a multi-disciplinary team led by designers and the design process.

I would like to thank my professors, Eve Faulkes, Cliff Harvey, Juan Giraldo and Jack Moffett. Their support, encouragement and love for what they do has been contagious. They have made me the designer that I am today, and I will be forever grateful.

Becky King and Kelly Caseman have been instrumental in creating an environment in West Virginia where education for professionals, specifically our educators, can flourish. I immensely enjoyed working with them through-out the creation and implementation of the *Take Action! Addressing Asthma and Diabetes in West Virginia Schools project*.

I owe John Hagen a huge thank you for his hard work in making West Virginia University's electronic thesis program a success and also for selecting my thesis for nomination.

Lastly, I would like to recognize my husband Aaron. He deserves more appreciation than I can give him in this acceptance speech. His unwavering love and support allow me to continually do more than I can imagine.

Thank you.

Kelly