## Three Serious Games Designed for Non-Profit Training Win Awards In Annual International Competition

MONTREAL, Sept. 22, 2025 -- Three educational games developed for Non-Profit organization training use have been cited for excellence in the 2025 International Serious Play Awards Program.

Silver Medals went to the following:

- <u>Echo Commander</u> Echo Commander is an innovative, cooperative web game designed for blind players aged 12 and up, empowering them to connect with peers through accessible gameplay. Combining advanced voice commands, intuitive audio cues, and a unique sonar system, the game fosters teamwork, critical thinking, and inclusivity for both visually impaired and sighted players. Supported by the Accelerator Centre, Echo Commander aims to combat isolation within the blind community while delivering measurable learning outcomes through engaging play.
- Night of the Living Debt Night of the Living Debt teaches young adults vital financial literacy shills through engaging game-based decision—making and developed by New Mexico State University's Learning Games Lab in partnership with University of Idaho Cooperative Extension. Recently redeveloped for web browsers with enhanced accessibility, the game places players in a post-apocalyptic world where they learn to manage credit scores, debt, and major life choices. The game aims to reach broader and underserved audiences nationwide, promoting stronger financial futures for youth. It was funded through the Extension Foundation USDA-NIFA NTAE program.

## A Bronze Medal went to

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 Cat Angels Triumph - Cat Angels Triumph, a free browser-based educational game developed by GeoAR Games with support from Cat Limited, teaches players responsible feline care through interactive real-life scenarios and expert guidance. The game, with input from veterinarian Elsa Flint and The New Zealand Cat Foundation's Anne Batley Burton, engages users in stories about lost pets, unexpected litters, and neighborhood cat dilemmas to build empathy and practical knowledge. Cat Angels Triumph aims to empower both current and prospective cat owners, improving the well-being of cats in the community.

<u>Serious Play Conference</u> brings together professionals who are exploring the use of game-based learning, sharing their experience, and working together to shape the future of training and education. For more information on Serious Play Award Program, go to: <a href="https://seriousplayconf.com/awards/">https://seriousplayconf.com/awards/</a>

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