Dr. Allen Featherstone and the MAB Program were awarded two Summer Institute on Distance Learning and Instructional Technology (SIDLIT) awards at an August 2005 meeting. The awards recognize outstanding ability to incorporate technology into teaching strategies.

Dr. Featherstone received the Outstanding Online Teaching award for the three online courses he teaches: Agribusiness Financial Management, Seminar in Agricultural Economics Analysis and Comparative Food and Agriculture Systems. The award is given to the instructor who has best modeled methodology for instructional technology and uses a variety of strategies in the courses. Dr. Featherstone was also recognized for his work in creating the first distance Master of Agribusiness (MAB) degree in the United States.

The Comparative Food and Agriculture Systems (AGEC 710) course was awarded the Outstanding Online Class award. The course is internationally team-taught with Allen Featherstone; Daniel Conforte, Montevideo, Uruguay; Pavel Sorokin, Moscow, Russia; Nicolas Habert, Toulouse, France; and Yann Duval, Bangkok, Thailand. It covers MERCOSUR, Russia and the CIS, France and East Asia. The Outstanding Online Class award is chosen by a panel of experts and through colleague and student input.

The SIDLIT awards are given annually by Colleague to Colleague (C2C), a professional organization designed to facilitate the exchange of information and expertise between faculty and staff of universities, community colleges and technical colleges involved in distance education.

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