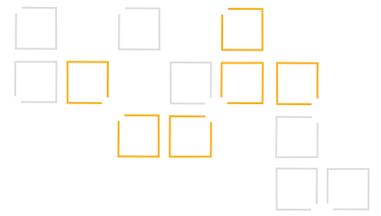


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Be Bold. Apply for yourself or nominate someone else for a “Best of Tech in Indiana” 2020 TechPoint Mira Award. Applications are due by Friday, January 17, 2020. Visit techpoint.org/mira for more.

RISING ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

The Rising Entrepreneur Award recognizes exceptional startup founders of any age and experience who have looked outside the box, started something new, and have great potential for future success. This award celebrates the courage and industriousness of rising tech leaders as well as their impact on the community.

What’s New? — There are no age restrictions at all any more. It doesn’t matter if you started your venture in your college dorm room or during retirement; this award recognizes entrepreneurial newcomers of all stripes!

INVESTOR OF THE YEAR

The Investor of the Year award spotlights angel investors or investment firms who bring capital plus outstanding connections, advice and attention to Indiana tech companies. This award category recognizes all types of investors who bet on Indiana tech companies and serve as critical mentors and connectors.

COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

The Community Impact Award celebrates mission-driven people or organizations that have helped to push our tech community forward—the impact makers of the year. Whether it’s through a corporation, an agency, a social enterprise, or through grit and determination as an individual, these inspiring champions have made a difference for all of us.

Winners have included Katie Birge of Launch Indy, Kristen Cooper of The Startup Ladies, Joshua Driver of Open for Service, and the late Denver Hutt for whom the award was originally created.

TECH EDUCATION AWARD

The Tech Education Award recognizes educators, organizations, mentors and others who inspire and open doors for learners of all ages through the creative, innovative application and/or support of technology. These leaders respond to the diverse needs of students and have an undeniably positive impact on student achievement and the future workforce.

RISING TECH CITY AWARD

The Rising Tech City Award honors a city, town, region or community within the state of Indiana and celebrates the projects and the people behind them who have championed the location’s advancement with particular emphasis on tech friendliness. The emphasis is on developing compelling places where diverse, tech-skilled people want to live.

SERVICE PARTNER OF THE YEAR

The Service Partner of the Year award celebrates exceptional work by professional services firms or internal teams who created the year’s best solutions, which are defined as the development of tech products or other professional services for a tech company. Services may be related to IT/cyber, design/branding, marketing/PR, legal/accounting, consulting, data science or other.



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TECH PRODUCT OF THE YEAR

Tech Product of the Year recognizes ground-breaking and disruptive new tech products that highlight the innovation coming from Indiana. These commercially available, technology-based products (hardware or software) have demonstrated that they have lasting ability and the potential to become technology staples.

What's New? — There are no launch date or development timeline restrictions at all any more. However, the purpose of the award is to highlight new products that established their supremacy in 2019.

INNOVATION OF THE YEAR

The Innovation of the Year award honors scientific achievements, R&D efforts and other trailblazing discoveries. The emphasis is on market disrupting new technologies, which may include completed products, that have the potential to change a market, an industry, an economy or even the world.

EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYER AWARD

The Exceptional Employer Award celebrates tech companies that are doing an exceptional job of hiring and developing talent, cultivating workspaces and workplace culture, and deliberately increasing diversity. These companies recognize their role in workforce development and place value on recruiting, training and continuing education.

LARGE ENTERPRISE OF THE YEAR

The Large Enterprise of the Year award recognizes tech and tech-enabled companies that put a premium on talent development, diversity and inclusion; continuously demonstrate exceptional innovation that solidifies their market leadership positions; and help to bolster Indiana's reputation and reality as a home for technological excellence.

STARTUP OF THE YEAR

The Startup of the Year award recognizes new companies with in-market tech products or services that have shown the greatest development over the last year based on growth and impact. These trailblazing ventures demonstrate the creative, strategic and innovative entrepreneurial spirit of Indiana's technology community.

What's New? — The launch date restriction has been expanded to include the two-year period prior to December 31, 2019. If your company launched on or after January 1, 2018, you are eligible to apply.

SCALE-UP OF THE YEAR

The Scale-up of the Year award celebrates high-growth, innovation-driven businesses that provide technology products or services (or highly tech-enabled businesses). These emerging companies have built up traction beyond the startup stage, and they could be Indiana's next big success stories.

QUESTIONS?

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