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TechPoint unveils 2020 Mira Award nominees

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INDIANAPOLIS - The state's technology initiative has unveiled the nominees for the "Best in Tech" in 2020. TechPoint Chief Executive Officer Mike Langellier says this year's Mira Awards will not only spotlight the top tech companies in Indiana, but also continue to "be the place, as always, where relationships are forged, deals are made and where we celebrate the next generation of great companies and people." Nearly 130 nominees from throughout the state are up for awards in 12 categories, including Tech Product of the Year and Innovation of the Year.

In an interview with Inside INdiana Business Reporter Mary-Rachel Redman, Langellier said the theme for this year's Mira Awards is "Be Bold."

"We're really challenging the companies in the room and leaders in the room to think of not only the impact that their companies can make in the market, but also the impact that Indianapolis can make as well and Indiana as a state can make on the tech landscape across the country," said Langellier. "What we know is that the Mira Awards is a really powerful, important platform for validating companies and helping to promote their successes and for people. People's careers have taken vastly different trajectories of growth as a result of being a nominee or a winner. Companies have received interest and ultimately investment from venture capital firms as a result of being validated through the (Mira) process."

The companies nominated for the awards range from small startups with less than \$100,000 in revenue to large enterprises with up to \$2 billion in revenue. TechPoint says the companies employ more than 10,000 Hoosiers.

Langellier adds this year's Mira Awards ceremony will incorporate TechPoint's "Wish You Were Here" campaign, which **launched last year**. The initiative aims to attract tech talent, including former Hoosiers, from throughout the country to come to Indiana.

“We’re having a red carpet experience as part of the Mira Awards, where we’re going to have a class of individuals that are interested in coming to Indiana to work here and we’re introducing them to companies that are prospective employers for them and we’re going to showcase the community for them at the Mira Awards.”

Langellier says the “Wish You Were Here Campaign” has already seen success since beginning in October. He says six of the nearly 30 applicants who were brought to Indy last fall have accepted jobs and are in the midst of moving to Indianapolis. He adds another five are in the late-stage hiring process.

“These are people that are 2-20 years of experience living in other parts of the country that, for many of them, they’re entering into a different stage in life. They’ve seen the exciting things that are happening here, but they’ve also entered into a stage where they want to be closer to family. They want to be able to buy a house. They want to be able to save money for the future and they want to be able to do it here, and so we’re giving them an opportunity to do that.”

This year’s nominees include:

Tech Product of the Year – (Highly innovative and ground-breaking tech products that burst onto the scene or achieved a major milestone last year)

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- 120WaterAudit
- Anvl
- Cimcor, Inc.
- Cummins Inc.
- Delta Faucet Company
- DemandJump
- FlexePark
- hc1
- Karyosoft
- KMC Controls
- NCAA
- Raytheon Company (prime) Secure Communications (partner)
- Schneider Geospatial
- Zylo

Service Partner of the Year – (The year’s best service provider delivering remarkable, impactful service to clients—whether they be external or internal)

- Avance Design
- BLASTmedia
- Brite Systems Enlite with Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS)
- Counterpart
- Cummins Inc.
- Innovatemap
- KSM Consulting
- Lev
- Mobile reCell
- NCAA IT Department
- Pin & Tumbler Studio at Allegion
- Project Brilliant
- Raytheon Company

Innovation of the Year – (A brand new way of doing things that revolutionizes, advances, or creates new tech industries and fields)

- Anvl's Automated Offline Hazard Identification
- ConverSight.ai
- DemandJump
- Eli Lilly and Company
- HySonic Technologies
- Illuminate Health – Recovery Coach
- Karyosoft
- LaLaLi Vocal Performance Analyzer
- Olio
- Passageways
- Preventia Group
- Prime Movement Healthcare
- WPR Services POW Brands

Rising Entrepreneur Award – (A class of passionate and creative entrepreneurial leaders thriving in Indiana)

- Amy Brown, Founder & CEO, AuthentiCx, Inc
- Ben Forrest, Founder and CEO, Olio
- Megan Glover, Co-Founder/CEO, 120WaterAudit

- Luke Jacobs, Co-founder & CEO, Encamp
- Megan Lohman, CEO, Plan Forward
- Brodie Meyer, CEO, FuseMe
- Aaron Pierce, CEO, Pierce Aerospace
- Evan Rocheford, Co-Founder and CEO, NutraMaize
- Darren Root, CEO, Rootworks LLC
- Sarah Stilz, Founder, Prime Movement Healthcare
- Sunny Lu Williams, President, TechServ Corporation

Tech Education Award – (Celebrating educators and education innovators who inspire and have a positive impact on student achievement)

- Center for Information and Communication Sciences (CICS), Ball State University
- Codelicious
- Eleven Fifty Academy
- Matthew Etchison, CIO, Ivy Tech Community College
- Steve Fouty, McDermond Center Director, DePauw University
- Dr. Mary Giesting, Director of The Imagination Lab, Plainfield Community School Corporation
- Girl Scouts of Central Indiana
- Indiana University Idea Garden @IUPUI
- Infosys Foundation USA
- Marianne McKenzie, Code Cafe, Indianapolis Public Library
- Nextech
- Purdue Polytechnic High School

Investor of the Year – (The venture firms or angel investors who bring money plus outstanding connections, advice and attention to Indiana companies)

- Edison Partners
- Elevate Ventures
- Victor Gutwein, Managing Partner, M25
- HG Ventures
- Innovatemap Ventures
- IU Ventures
- Ade Olonoh, Venture Partner, Starting Line

Community Impact Award – (Individuals and organizations that have gone above and beyond to support the advancement of Indiana's tech community)

- Eleven Fifty Academy
- Indiana Department of Correction
- Indy Hackers
- Calvin Jones, President and Founder, Code Black Indy
- Kelli N. Jones and Jeff TD Williams, Co-Founders, Be Nimble Ventures & Black Hatch Fund
- Chelsea Linder, gBETA Managing Director, gener8tor
- Jason Pennington, Executive Director, Indiana IoT Lab
- The Polis Center at IUPUI
- Rural Innovation Network
- The Speak Easy
- Women & Hi Tech
- Luke Zhang, Data Scientist, DemandJump

Rising Tech City Award – (Cities, towns, regions or communities in Indiana, celebrating the projects and people behind them who have championed the location’s advancement with particular emphasis on tech friendliness)

- #FortBenTech Campus
- City of Bloomington
- City of Evansville
- City of Indianapolis
- City of South Bend

Exceptional Employer Award – (Companies doing an exceptional job of hiring and developing talent, cultivating workspaces and workplace culture and deliberately increasing diversity)

- BLASTmedia
- Delta Faucet Company
- KAR Global
- Kronos Incorporated
- KSM Consulting
- Lev
- LifeOmic
- Passageways
- Republic Airways and LIFT Academy
- SEP

Startup of the Year – (Startups with great potential that demonstrate the creative, strategic and innovative



entrepreneurial spirit of Indiana's technology industry)

- Anvl
- AuthentiCx
- Cabentry
- Casted
- Civic Champs
- Docket
- Encamp
- InternX
- Olio
- Plan Forward
- The New Paper
- Woven

Scale-up of the Year – (High-growth, innovation-driven companies that provide technology products or services, are gaining traction and could be Indiana's next big success stories)

- ActiveCampaign
- Boardable
- Greenlight Guru
- Kerauno
- KSM Consulting
- Lev
- OneCause
- Ovation.io
- Passageways
- Socio
- Vibenomics
- Zylo

Large Enterprise of the Year – (Companies with exceptional innovation and market position that are helping Indiana to become a recognized technology leader, putting Indiana on the map in the technology world)

- Allegion PLC (c/o Schlage Lock Co LLC)
- Delta Faucet Company
- GEICO

- Kronos Incorporated
- Republic Airways
- Sallie Mae
- Schneider Geospatial
- STANLEY Security

TechPoint will also announce the recipient of this year's TechPoint Trailblazer Award. The winners will be announced at the 21st annual Mira Awards gala, which will take place April 18 in downtown Indianapolis.