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PROGRAM

6:30	Doors open – Legacy Grand Ballroom
7:00	Program welcome – Tech Titans CEO Bill Sproull, emcee; Gala Chair Deborah Sawyer, ZRG Partners; Tech Titans Chair Barbara Baffer, Ericsson
	Presenting sponsor remarks – MediaKind
	Dinner
8:00	Tech Titan of the Future
	University Level – presented by Huawei Technologies
	High School Level – presented by VLSIP Technologies
	STEM Initiative – presented by State Farm
	Hall of Fame Induction – ZRG Partners
	Fast Tech Awards Presentation presented by Crowe, Comerica Bank Tech & Life Sciences, Dallas Business Journal
	Corporate CEO – presented by Masergy
	Technology Inventor – presented by Dassault Systemes
	Corporate CIO – presented by Cigniti
	Technology Advocate – presented by Nokia
	Corporate CTO – presented by Deloitte
	Technology Adopter – presented by Thomson Reuters
	Community Hero and Investment Catalyst – presented by Axxess and CyrusOne
	Emerging Company Innovation – presented by Fujitsu
	Corporate Innovation – presented by Ericsson
	Emerging Company CEO – presented by RealPage
9:15	Gala Closing Remarks - Bill Sproull and Deborah Sawyer

Program

GALA CHAIR Deborah Sawyer, ZRG

It's the most wonderful (summer) night of the year!

On behalf of the Tech Titans Board of Directors, the 2018 Gala Committee and our title sponsor – MediaKind – welcome to the 18th Annual Tech Titans Awards Gala.

For the past 18 years, we have taken pause one night out of the year to celebrate everyone involved in the North Texas technology community and to further celebrate the innovation of our finalists and award winners. That night is tonight.

As in years past, our judges had an unenviable task: how do you choose finalists from a pool of over 160 elite nominees? This year was another recordbreaking year of nominations, with an average 12.5 nominees per category.

Tonight, we honor our 2018 finalists – a first-class group of innovators across multiple industries in North Texas.

The Gala Committee worked tirelessly planning this event. I would like to thank the hard work of these dedicated volunteers to make this a "morebetter-funner" night. Thank you!

The awards gala would not be possible without our sponsors who are listed in this program and here in force this evening. Please join me in thanking the sponsors of the 18th Annual Tech Titans Awards Gala for their commitment to innovation and to our organization.

Enjoy your evening! And join us on social media: #TechTitansAwards



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UNIVERSITY

Tech Titan of the Future – University Level

Recognizes an accredited educational institution in the DFW Metroplex that encourages and supports students to choose engineering and technology-related disciplines as a preferred career path. This award category spotlights DFW-area higher educational institutions' technology-related curricula and incentives to perpetuate tech-related knowledge transfer.

• **Texas A&M University – Commerce, Data Analytics Faceoff** organizes a series of data analytics competitions for Texas A&M University-Commerce students to help them discover how to use data analytics in the real world. Students are given real world data and are encouraged to use the models and systems learned in classes to help the data owners gain more insights about their businesses.

• University of Texas at Arlington, EpICMavs is a UTA program that provides resources and training to entrepreneurial students and faculty, giving them access to experienced entrepreneurs and experts in order to foster and promote startups as a career path. EpICMavs includes weekly interactive seminars during the fall and spring semesters and a more in-depth hands-on workshop during the summer.

• University of Texas at Dallas, The Connect Inspire Guide Women in Technology program encourages incoming female students at all levels to confidently pursue careers in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math). Dr. Janell Straach is the leader and founder of this umbrella program that encompasses a number of initiatives that embolden young women and develop a community of support to assist these young women and help build their confidence.

• **University of North Texas** Dr. Renee Bryce is the founder of the Bug Catcher and Bug Wars software testing competitions that have engaged about 2,000 middle-school and high-school students, along with UNT freshmen to encourage them to pursue computer science as a major.

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HIGH SCHOOL

Tech Titan of the Future – High-School Level

Recognizes a DFW Metroplex high school (grades 9-12) math or science teacher for development and implementation of an innovative teaching technique or program that inspires student interest regarding further educational and/or career pursuits in science, technology, engineering or math.

• Jerry Grizzle, Plano ISD, uses guided inquiry and a "labs first" emphasis to engage students in critical thinking and problem-solving. This year, participation in his class includes 50 percent girls.

• **Morris Goldade, Wylie ISD,** serves as the district's technology trainer to incorporate the latest technologies into curriculum. He sponsors the Robotics Club and National Technical Honor Society, and his new robotics program is already adding more classes and teachers.

• **Douglas Lee, Dallas International School,** helped build participation in computer science and engineering through the CES project, which immersed students in cutting edge technology. Students traveled to the Consumer Electronics Show, interviewed designers and engineers, and wrote product reviews.

• **Kristin Shapiro, Plano ISD,** uses project-based learning along with Google tools to encourage her students in science-exploration research techniques and hands-on experimentation. By bridging these skills across all classes, students are preparing for jobs that do not yet exist.



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• Designing classroom modules to introduce each of our Tech Titans forum topics

- Assisting students with career preparation
- · Connecting students with experiential learning and job shadowing
- Developing additional STEM camps and events

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Prior to RealPage, Winn served in various executive positions, including president of Research Institute of America, a provider of information services to the accounting industry and a wholly owned subsidiary of Thomson Reuters Corporation, and president and CEO of Computer Language Research Inc., a publicly traded company focused on tax compliance, tax research and accounting software, which was acquired by Thomson Reuters Corporation.

Winn was one of five people recognized by the National Apartment Association as a leader in the multifamily industry. Accounting Today recognized him as one of the 100 most influential people. Winn was an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2012 Southwest Area North Award recipient.

He is an active member of the National Apartment Association and National Multifamily Housing Council.



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Winn received his Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and his Master of Science in management from Stanford University.

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Corporate CEO

HALL OF FAME Romelia Flores, IBM

One of IBM's top technologists worldwide, Romelia Flores earned the titles of IBM Distinguished Engineer in 2008 – one of just 700 worldwide – and IBM Master Inventor in 2009, a title afforded to IBM inventors when significant patent grants are awarded by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. She holds 40 patents with an additional 30 patents pending.

During her 36-year career with IBM, she has worked with many of the company's largest clients around technology innovation. A member of the IBM Global Solution Center located in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, Romelia has collaborated with clients in the banking, insurance, energy and utilities industries, and with the government sector. That collaboration focused on IBM's artificial intelligence (Watson Cognitive), blockchain, design thinking



and Agile technology, and the creation of business use cases and first-of-a-kind prototypes with those clients.

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HALL OF FAME

Romelia Flores has personally trained thousands of IBMers, including many early-career professionals, and led more than 30 Design Thinking Sessions. During the past six years she has trained 50 new IBM engineers, and estimates that 35 of those subsequently filed their first patent applications. "I started noticing very quickly that young folks get bored with technical things, but they thrive when I tell them I'm patenting," Romelia Flores, *The Dallas Morning News*, July 22, 2018. She's also authored hundreds of technical documents.

She speaks frequently at conferences, as a keynote and panelist. In 2016 she was the first female keynote at IEEE Metrocon 2016.

Romelia is a frequent university guest lecturer and most recently is advising MBA students about leveraging Design Thinking techniques for gaining insights into systems design with their clients. University professors and students at Baylor University, University of Texas at Austin, University of Texas at Dallas, Texas Christian University, Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas at El Paso frequently request subsequent collaboration opportunities and return engagements.

She earned a bachelor of computer science degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Her education included a summer internship at IBM's Austin development lab. Baylor named her an Honorary Alumnus in 2014.

Recognition of her achievements include induction into the International Women's Forum in 2018, 2017 Innotech IT Executive of the Year, a 2016 Lifetime Achievement award from the Great Minds in STEM, a 2016 IBM Academy of Technology Lifetime Achievement Award and *The Dallas Business Journal* 2016 Women in Technology Award.



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Technology Inventors

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• Ali Abolmaali, The University of Texas at Arlington – Dr. Ali Abolmaali, professor of structural applied mechanics and chair of the Civil Engineering Department, and his research team have developed a stateof-the art algorithm and related technology for conversion of electronic pulse data from laser and sonar robotic equipment for sewer pipeline inspection, to a graphical interface identifying service life prediction and preemptive pipeline failure.

• **Patrick Antaki, Evergaze Technology LLC** – Patrick Antaki and his team of technology engineers and electro-optical system experts invented the seeBOOST electro-optical device to help those with low vision regain sight, coupling electronics and optics into a wearable "normal" device, which addresses vision loss from age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and diabetic retinopathy.

• **Robert Atkins, BALANCED Media | Technology** – Video game developer Robert Atkins as BALANCED Media | Technology (BMT) is harnessing the massive computing and problem-solving potential of the 2 billion-strong gaming community to solve some of world's biggest issues. Through its proprietary crowdsourcing platform, HEWMEN, BMT is integrating raw computer processing power with human intuition to solve complex, data-centric problems far below traditional processing costs.

• **Rahul Saini, Zyvex Labs** – Rahul Saini is the system architect of the most complicated and advanced implant ever made to restore vision for blind patients with retinitis pigmentosa and advanced macular degeneration. He has multiple patents awarded/pending for this wireless, batteryless implant that is the size of a grain of rice.

Corporate Innovation

Recognizes a technology company for outstanding innovation and unique accomplishments through recent or potential breakthrough technology or approach within the technology industry. The company has a corporate headquarters or a division office in the DFW Metroplex. The company has 2017 operating revenues of more than \$200 million.

• **FirstNet powered by AT&T** is the country's first nationwide public safety communications platform dedicated to first responders in times of need. Built with AT&T, in public-private partnership with the First Responder Network Authority, FirstNet is bringing public safety a much-needed technology upgrade.

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14 Technology Inventor Finalists

networks

• **Fujitsu Network Communications and AT&T** The Open ROADM Multisource Agreement (MSA) was founded by four companies including Fujitsu to develop industry-wide specifications for open network ecosystems. Platforms that are designed based on the principles of openness, scalability and interoperability will translate to cost savings, faster services deployment and improved network performance – and ultimately a superior customer experience.

• **Nokia**'s multi-band power amplifier and DAPD solution for next generation wireless systems allows up to three base stations to operate from one radio box instead of having a separate radio box for each band. This capability will have tremendous benefits for the environment, service providers and overall better quality of cell phone service.

• **Tyler Technologies** envisions Connected Communities, which feature networks allowing departments to access and share data across agencies and jurisdictional boundaries. These integrated solutions increase efficiencies, improve public safety resources and enable access over any technology more cost effectively.

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Congratulations to Javier Garcia Gomez for being selected as a 2018 Tech Titan CTO finalist.

Corporate Innovation Finalists

Corporate CIO

Recognizes the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of a DFW Metroplex based technology or non-technology company for exceptional technical leadership that fosters the deployment of Information Technology (IT) resulting in significant value for the company.

• **Pamela Arora, Children's Health in Dallas** – CIO Pamela Arora led the implementation of an enterprise-wide electronic medical record that helps make life better for children by extending reach into the community, gain efficiencies in care delivery processes, prevent unnecessary transports and testing and deliver more informed care to patients.

• Leah Miller, Medical City Healthcare – CIO Leah Miller leverages technology to solve organizational challenges, enable market expansion, create competitive advantage, and – above all else – support the company's mission to care for and improve human life. Through the recent Medical City Virtual Care project, Leah effectively positioned IT as a contributor to both division strategy and to the bottom line.

• Sherif Mityas, TGI Fridays – CIO and Chief Strategy Officer Sherif Mityas is extending artificial intelligence into the restaurant business to increase the To-Go business, improve guest experience and reduce staff turnover.

• **Barry Shurkey, NTT DATA Services** – CIO Barry Shurkey led the \$3B acquisition of Dell Services to improve NTT DATA's ability to serve clients through its global presence and gain a greater market share, while also expanding the number of solutions the company could offer.



Technology Adopter

Recognizes a company with U.S. headquarters in the DFW Metroplex whose core business is not a technology product for outstanding adoption and application of innovative technologies that successfully change and impact business results.

• Anderson Merchandisers developed DASH, a fully customizable system that houses multiple applications to manage business on both a corporate and field level. It is used by clients and leadership, allowing an immediate view into their business. Clients can view the real-time status of tasks, photos of completed activities, activity exceptions, product inventory and retail analytics.

• **Callbox Storage, LLC** has created and implemented a web platform that allows it to more efficiently store customers' belongings and allows them more visibility into the items they've stored. Through the web application, customers' items are tracked from pick up to facility and back again. Customers are also provided real-time visibility of items stored and the total volume stored.

• **Property Damage Appraisers, Inc.** has implemented technological and service advancements that shorten appraisal cycle times from more than two days to an industry-leading average of 1.43 business days. Faster cycle times empower insurance carrier and third-party administrator partners to settle claims quickly to get their customers back on the road and back to business.

• **TGI Fridays** is extending artificial intelligence into the restaurant business to increase To-Go business, optimize operations to drive profitability, improve guest experience and reduce staff turnover.

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Technology Advocate

Recognizes a DFW Metroplex individual or company whose core business is not a technology product for outstanding leadership in championing, assisting, advancing or accelerating the performance of the technology industry in North Texas.

• Jennifer Bartkowski, CEO of Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas. As the largest girl-serving leadership development program in northeast Texas, GSNETX is helping make a substantial impact on the future of the girls choosing STEM careers. The organization raised \$14 million to build the STEM Center of Excellence, a high-touch, high-tech learning laboratory. Everything at the camp integrates STEM learning in a fun and engaging way. Immersive experiences and amenities connect girls to both nature and STEM activities, building confidence in today's young women so they can be the STEM leaders of tomorrow.

• **Will Long**, The CyberAid program was established by HITRUST in coordination with industry leaders to help smaller healthcare organizations (with fewer than 75 employees) address information protection challenges and cyber risks--specifically selecting, acquiring, implementing and operating key components of their cyber defenses. The program identifies and evaluates solutions that can be implemented, managed and operated cost effectively by organizations with limited technical and financial resources, while ensuring solutions provide an effective level of cyber threat protection.

• **Russell Medina,** NPower, is leading efforts to assist veterans and their spouses launch their technology careers through their program of social support, IT, coding and cyber security training. Russ has cultivated a solid corporate volunteer network that has provided a program of professional development such as mentoring, soft skills training, resume building, mock interviews and internships.

• **David Sym-Smith,** Mobility Ventures, is a CEO, founder, investor, mentor, and advisor to multiple corporations and startups. He provides personal mentorship at multiple incubators, in-person training and financial assistance. David gives entrepreneurs/start-ups access to leaders who have the resources to support their business goals and the personal knowledge and experiences to educate entrepreneurs on what it takes to launch, manage and grow a successful business.

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18 Technology Advocate Finalists

Corporate CTO

Recognizes the Corporate Technology or Science Officer of a DFW Metroplex based technology or non-technology company for exceptional technical leadership that fostered the development of new technology resulting in significant value for the company.

• **Matt Clark, Valify,** leads the team responsible for developing the patent-pending algorithms that transformed the landscape of purchased services expense management in the healthcare industry. Valify's breakthrough technology provides an end-to-end purchased services solution for organizations to proactively manage expenses, increase staff productivity, and realize significant savings.

• Javier Garcia-Gomez, Ericsson, and his team lead the technical engagement and create technology alignment between Ericsson and AT&T. Garcia-Gomez' team is responsible for driving the strategy and standardization of a new radio access architecture to separate the radio application control and user plane, and to create a new way to build radio networks to further improve spectral efficiency.

• Anthony Goonetilleke, Amdocs, group president and CTO, is in charge of the company's technology, product and R&D. He is leading the evolution of Amdocs' product portfolio to embrace open-source technology, develop cloud-native offerings, introduce microservices technology and strengthen its partner ecosystem – all of which drive agility in the delivery of end-to-end solutions, shrinking deployment timelines from years to months.

• **Kim Keating, AT&T,** vice president of data science, is a critical leader in AT&T's Chief Data Office. Through her leadership and vision, Kim's teams transform and data-power AT&T with advanced analytics, machine learning and artificial intelligence. Her teams leverage vast amounts of data to provide insights and answers to critical business questions.

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Corporate CTO Finalists

Investment Catalyst

Recognizes an organization for completing a significant technology-related investment transaction that will impact and deliver significant long-term economic prosperity for the DFW Metroplex.

• Winner: Bryan Chambers, The Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship - UT Dallas. The UT Dallas Seed Fund invests in startups founded by UTD students, faculty, staff and alumni. Created in 2017, the fund raised \$350,000 in its first year. To-date, Seed Fund has invested \$125,000 in four UT Dallas-affiliated early-stage startups.

• **Kedreon Cole, LaunchPad City,** is a Frisco-based business incubator focused on building community, partnerships and investments in sports technology and esports. LaunchPad is now partnered with Stadia Ventures, an esports-focused accelerator putting a \$25M investment fund to work in this fast-growing industry.

• **David Matthews, REVTECH,** Retail Technology Ventures, is a seed capital fund and accelerator program for tech innovation in the retail, restaurant and hospitality industries. Founded in 2011, RevTech has helped 33 companies get funded, with total capital formation of more than \$15 million and more than 220 jobs created to-date.

• **Perot Jain** is a Dallas-based venture capital firm and active participant in building the Dallas entrepreneurship and start-up ecosystem. Founded in 2014, their investments focus on B2B companies developing disruptive technologies. One success story is Booster Fuels who incubated at AllianceTexas and raised a \$20 million Series B round in 2017.

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20 Investment Catalyst Finalists

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• **Bottle Rocket** builds the highest quality connected lifestyle experiences for the world's most discriminating brands.

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• **Pieces Technologies** is focused on improving patients' lives and outcomes in the hospital and the community.

• **SevenTablets** is a Dallas-based digital transformation company that focuses on mobile, augmented reality and machine learning technologies.

Emerging Company CEO

Recognizes the CEO of a technology company headquartered in the DFW Metroplex with 2017 operating revenues of at least \$2 million but no more than \$200 million.

• **Ruben Amarasingham, MD, Pieces Technologies,** founder and CEO, Dr. Amarasingham is a national expert in the application of informatics concepts in healthcare and public health, and the use of innovative care models to reduce disparities, improve quality, and lower costs. He founded Pieces to advance health at every decision throughout the patient journey. Pieces Tech solutions allow health systems and social service organizations the ability to discover, predict, and share information in order to improve clinical and operational outcomes.

• **Christopher Godfrey, Bloodbuy,** founder, an online marketplace that connects the people that need blood products with those that have them. The goal is to achieve a much higher level of efficiency around the blood supply so the blood products can be accessed at a lower cost and a greater frequency.

• Vanessa Ogle, Enseo, Inc., founder and CEO, redirected her business focus from the airline industry to hospitality after 9/11. Enseo powers and manages the world's largest fully-monitored out-of-home media network, reaching more than 50 million people annually. With 18 years in hospitality, Enseo is the fastest growing technology-based services provider delivering sustainable innovation for the largest hotel groups worldwide.

• **Toni Portmann, Distribution Hospitality, Intelligent Systems (DHISCO)**, connects online travel agents all over the world to the largest hoteliers on the globe. It provides the hospitality industry innovative distribution technology that enables hotel bookings around the globe.

Emerging Company Innovation and CEO Finalists

Community Hero Award

Recognizes an individual within the technology industry for their outstanding achievements in community involvement.

• Winner: Bill Warren, executive chairman of the board, Reflect Systems, is a lifetime advocate for children with special needs. He led the capital campaign to build The Warren Center headquarters in Richardson where 900 children are served each month. He was also pivotal in launching the Fantasy Football Draft Night event which has raised millions of dollars during 25 years for The Warren Center.

• **Tresia Eaves, partner and director, CGI,** has a passion for helping veterans transition into technology careers. Since partnering with nonprofit NPower North Texas in 2012, she's spearheaded successful programs like "Speed Mentoring" and developed training curriculum. More than 400 veterans have graduated from NPower training programs; 90 percent are employed within six months of graduation.

• **Bob Sawler, VP business development, The Realtime Group,** and his family feed hungry kids through Food for the Soul, the nonprofit they established. Their initiatives include the Backpack Program which ensures kids eat during weekends, and the Pregame Meal program for student athletes. To-date, Food for the Soul has provided more than 1.3 million meals in the Metroplex.

• **Chris Skaggs, VP talent and brand, TSP,** and his wife, Amy, founded the nonprofit Leighton's Gift in 2013. Their mission is keeping parents connected with their premature babies in neonatal units by providing bedside webcams. To-date, they've raised more than \$100,000 and funded installation of 45 webcams at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano.

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Congratulations to all Tech Titans Awards Finalists for 2018. We're honored to be in such distinguished company, and are looking forward to many more years of creating and developing great ideas that make the world a better place.

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22 Community Hero

Dr. John Randall, Judge Co-chair President of Zyvex Labs and Adjunct Professor, UT Dallas

John Randall has 35 years of experience in nano-fabrication. He is President of Zyvex Labs, Exec VP of NanoRetina, and Adjunct Faculty at UT Dallas. He joined Zyvex in March 2001 and was instrumental in developing and spinning out two successful nanotechnology companies, Zyvex Technologies and Zyvex Instruments. Before Zyvex, Randall worked for 15 years at Texas Instruments where he worked in high-resolution processing for integrated circuits, MEMS, and quantum effect devices. Previously, he worked at MIT's Lincoln Laboratory on ion beam and x-ray lithography. He has 109 articles published in refereed journals. He has a BS, MS, and PhD all in electrical engineering from the University of Houston, where he was elected distinguished engineering alumni in 2010. Randall was also elected distinguished member of the Technical Staff while at Texas Instruments, is a Fellow of the IEEE and a Fellow of the Society of the AVS.

Tanis Cornell, Judge Co-chair EWF International, CEO

In January of 2018 Tanis became the CEO of EWF International after leading the Dallas market for the previous five years. EWF is a leadership development company focused on increasing the representation of women in the executive ranks. EWF leads and facilitates peer advisory forums for female senior executives and business owners, provides training programs for emerging leaders, and conducts workshops and corporate training programs. Her background spans key leadership roles in the technology sector where she served as an equity partner and Board member of the private software company PhaseWare, an officer level position in the Fortune 1000 telecommunications company WilTel, VP of sales for Level 3 Communications and led one of the largest service provider partnerships for Fortune 500 data management company, NetApp.

Brenda Boehm

Principal, Board Governance and Advisory Services

Brenda has held executive and board positions with technology companies from entrepreneurial start-ups, such as Starent Networks, to Fortune 100 leaders Cisco, Nortel, Alcatel-Lucent and Nokia. Her deep set of experiences and skills have equipped her with the market vision that recognizes how industry disruption can be harnessed to propel innovation, develop global markets and institutionalize operational success. Brenda attended Stanford University's Graduate School of Business Executive Program, holds a MS from SMU's School of Engineering in Telecommunications and earned a BA in Computer Information Systems from the University of Louisiana.









Greg Carr

CARR Law Firm PLLC , Managing Partner/Owner

With more than 25 years of experience, Greg Carr practices intellectual property law, including domestic and foreign matters and proceedings before federal courts, the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, and the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Greg formerly co-chaired the law student committee of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers. He is also adjunct professor of law and economics at Southern Methodist University and currently serves on the Board of Advisors for its Mechanical Engineering Department. A graduate of Leadership Dallas, Greg has served on the organization's Alumni Association Board of Directors and spearheaded its effort to build a pavilion and recreation area for the Bon Ton neighborhood, located near the Trinity River Corridor in southeastern Dallas.



Jack Carter

Shinobi Group, Founding Partner, Technology Principal

A dynamic technology ninja with more than 25 years of diverse technical and leadership experience – in defense, telecommunications, medical diagnostics, financial services, security, consumer products, e-commerce and beyond. Jack embodies that rare professional who can seamlessly move between different "sides" of the house: from technology to brand, operations to finance, ideation to execution.

Hyacinth DeAlmeida

Ericsson Inc., Vice President Corporate Development

Hyacinth DeAlmeida is head of Ericsson's M&A activities for its North American region, leading the region's efforts to identify, evaluate, prioritize and execute external investment opportunities to support the region's growth ambitions. He has more than 30 years of telecom industry experience in various functions including engineering, marketing, finance, business development, strategy and M&A. Prior to joining Ericsson, Hyacinth held various positions at Nortel Networks (including VP Corporate Development and President of Nortel Ventures LLC), SaskTel and Telecom Canada. Hyacinth holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Alberta and an MBA from the University of Regina.





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Tricia D'Cruz **Catalyze Dallas, Managing Director**

Tricia D'Cruz is an experienced senior executive, strategy consultant, venture capitalist and board member. She has been a leader to growing high technology companies for more than 30 years, with a track record of achieving accelerated growth. Tricia is co-founder at Catalyze Dallas, a venture development firm that starts and funds new companies to commercialize innovations sourced from the defense industry. Prior to Catalyze, Tricia founded VectorPoint, a strategic growth consulting firm servicing early stage and mid-market technology companies in DFW. Tricia has held divisional P&L responsibility at global public companies including Tekelec and Siemens. She has also excelled at numerous early stage ventures including as EVP of Efficient Networks from early stage through successful IPO and exit.

Robert Fitzgerald Deloitte, Partner

Robert Fitzgerald is the Audit and Advisory practice leader for the Technology, Media & Telecommunications (TMT) industry group for Deloitte in North and Central Texas. In addition, Robert is responsible for overseeing service delivery to clients in the TMT industry group for Deloitte, where he has been a partner for more than 15 years.

Stacie Hyatt

Stacie brings more than 15 years of experience in the medical and research technology arena to the table. She has worked for industry giants including Medtronic and St. Jude Medical, as well as successful early stage and start-up companies, primarily in the cardiac, neurosurgical and wellness disciplines. Her geographic experience spans the globe, including having worked for several years in Europe. Ms. Hyatt earned her bachelor's degree in bioengineering from Texas A&M University and an MBA with a triple focus in marketing, operations and health care from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.









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Alicia Makaye GXA Network Solutions, VP

As a VP at GXA, Alicia is a key decision maker who serves as a problem solver and advocate for the organization. As the overseer and developer of human resource functions, Alicia's responsibilities include interviewing, recruiting, hiring, and managing employees. She also assists in organizational development, personnel development, team building, employee management and planning. Alicia has volunteered her time in the community and with GXA's global missionary outreaches and has traveled to countries such as South Africa, Kenya, Mexico and Swaziland. Locally, Alicia volunteers her time at universities and other organizations to help students and adults looking for employment. Alicia has a master's degree in human resource management and a PhD in public affairs from UT Dallas.

Sha-Chelle Manning

Pioneer Natural Resources, Director of Innovation

Sha-Chelle Devlin Manning is the director of innovation and enterprise integration for Pioneer Natural Resources, a large independent upstream and midstream oil and natural gas company. Manning is one of the co-founders of Malibu IQ, an investment partnership consisting of HRL Laboratories, commercializing the inventions of the more than 300 global leading scientists and technologists. Manning serves on the Texas Emerging Technology Fund Advisory Committee and formerly led Texas' nanotechnology strategic initiatives, resulting in \$500M in investments and scaling of advanced technologies. Sha-Chelle brings a wide range of experience in management and executive strategic consulting for Lockheed Martin, HRL Labs, Zyvex Labs and Texas A&M University focusing on high-technology solutions or services.

Vance McCollough Audit Partner

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Vance has more than 25 years of experience working with technology companies in various stages, from emerging startup operations to well-established, multinational organizations. He spent 10 years in Seattle during the formative years of internet technologies working with clients such as RealNetworks and Starwave. In 1999, Vance moved to Texas, first arriving in Austin and then moving to Dallas in 2002. His specialties include advising companies with issues related to operations, mergers and acquisitions, financial reporting, internal controls, revenue recognition, business combinations and share-based compensation. In addition, he has assisted companies through the process of initial public offerings and private equity buyouts. Vance holds a Bachelor of Science, accounting from University of Southern California.

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Lin Nelson

Lin Nelson is a recognized innovator with 15+ years of experience developing technologybased businesses, delivering fact-based analysis & leading operational strategies. Most recently she served as market development advisor for IBM; consulting as a trusted advisor with senior leadership across IT services segments. Lin founded NelsonCFO, a consulting company that worked with early stage, tech-focused, venture-capital-backed companies in medical device, Biotech, IT hardware & software services. Nelson has served as an adjunct at Babson College, teaching entrepreneurship. Nelson earned her BS in finance from University of Texas-Arlington and an MBA with a focus in entrepreneurship from Babson College in Wellesley, MA, where she was the Price Babson Fellow for two years.



Andrew Olowu Axxess, CTO

Andrew Olowu is chief technology officer at Axxess, a national leader in home health management software, and serves on its board of directors. Olowu is responsible for the overall technology, architecture and innovation of the Axxess platform. He recently was named the recipient of the Tech Titans Corporate CTO Award for his exceptional technical leadership, which fosters the development of new technology and innovations, resulting in significant value for both Axxess and the healthcare industry.



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Dustin Osgood PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Partner

Dustin is a partner at PwC focused on helping clients address risk, governance and compliance through the use of technology and analytics. He has worked with some of the largest and most innovative technology companies in the world while living in New York, London and Tokyo.

Paola Saibene Flowserve

Paola Saibene oversees data protection and data privacy for Flowserve Manufacturing and Supply Chain. Previously, she was the CEO of TXYSAI, a technology consulting company. She has 22 years of IT-practitioner experience, having held multiple C-level roles in multibillion dollar organizations. Paola blends her technology experience with her psychology and literature post-graduate degrees, bringing an ecosystem approach to the evolving digital era.

Hubert Zajicek Health Wildcatters, CEO

Hubert Zajicek, MD, MBA, is CEO & co-founder of Health Wildcatters, a healthcare seed fund and accelerator in Dallas. Dr. Zajicek has extensive experience with startups and is an active speaker, panelist and thought leader on healthcare innovation, startups, entrepreneurship & financing. He serves as advisor, mentor and board member on various organizations and startup companies. He was managing director – medical technology at NTEC (North Texas Enterprise Center), where he ran what eventually became the Southwest's largest medtech investment conference, showcasing startups that attracted in excess of \$300M. He is president and founder of the Society of Physician Entrepreneurs – DFW chapter, cofounder & partner of Lone Star Angels and is on the Board of the Southwest Venture Forum. He has an MD from the University of Vienna and an MBA from SMU.







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- 2017 Brian Peccarelli, Thomson Reuters
- 2016 Chris MacFarland, Masergy Communications
- 2015 Beatriz Manetta, Argent Associates
- 2013 Lance Crosby, SoftLayer, an IBM Company
- 2012 Angel Ruiz, Ericsson North America
- 2011 Roger D. Linquist, MetroPCS
- 2010 Charles Vogt, GENBAND
- 2009 Bruce Ballangee, Pariveda Solutions, Inc.
- 2008 Patrick Brandt, Skywire Software
- 2007 Rashid Skaf, AMX Corporation
- 2006 Michelle Peluso, Travelocity
- 2005 Anthony J. Affuso, UGS
- 2004 Bob Carroll, AMX Corporation
- 2003 Bill Conner, Entrust Corporate
- 2002 Jim Janicki, MetaSolv., Inc.
- 2001 Scott Grout, Chorum Technologies

EMERGING COMPANY CEO AWARD: Recognizes

CEO leadership for an emerging company within the technology and communications industry.

- 2017 Dave Copps, Brainspace Corporation 2016 - Greg Fasullo, EnTouch 2015 – Anuj Jain, Orchestra Technologies 2014 – Pardeep Kohli, Mavenir Systems 2013 – Chris Drake, FireHost 2012 – Steven W. White, ImageVision 2011 – Jack Thompson, Tango Management 2010 – Shama Kabani, The Marketing Zen Group 2009 – Nina Vaca, Pinnacle Technical Resources 2008 – Greg Smith, Accudata Technologies 2007 – Douglas Bartek, Tango Networks 2006 – Barry D. Nalls, Masergy Communications 2005 – George Grayson, istation
 - 2004 Patrick Brandt, Skywire Software
- 2003 Sally Ann Zoll, LearnStar, Inc.
- 2002 Cynthia Comparin, Animato Technologies

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outstanding innovation and unique accomplishments through recent or potential breakthrough technology or approach within the technology industry. Must have operating revenues >\$200 million.

- 2017 Capital One
- 2016 Nokia
- 2015 Qorvo
- 2014 Texas Instruments
- 2013 Nokia Siemens Networks
- 2012 AT&T Foundry
- 2011 Alcatel-Lucent
- 2010 D4D Technologies LLC
- 2009 Electronic Transaction Consultants
- 2008 Samsung Telecommunications America

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- 2007 Nortel, 4GBusiness & Ecosystem Development
- 2006 Retractable Technologies, Inc.
- 2005 Advanced Neuromodulation Systems, Inc. (ANS)
- 2004 SYSTIMAX Solutions

EMERGING COMPANY INNOVATION AWARD: Recognizes

outstanding innovation and unique accomplishments through potential breakthrough technology, processes or services within the technology industry. Must have operating revenues between \$2 million and \$200 million.

- 2017 Bloodbuy
- 2016 Brainspace Corporation
- 2015 Ziosk
- 2014 Triune Systems
- 2013 OptiSense Network, LLC
- 2012 4G Biometrics
- 2011 Encore Vision, Inc
- 2010 MicroTransponder, Inc.
- 2009 Sipera Systems
- 2008 RipCode, Inc.
- 2007 Oryon Technologies
- 2006 Masergy Communications
- 2005 Zyvex Corporation
- 2004 SyChip, Inc.

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2017 - Richard Margolin, RoboKind LLC
2016 - Dr. Sandy Dasgupta, UT Arlington
2015 - Ray Baughman, UT Dallas-NanoTech Institute
2014 - Ampcare, LLC
2013 - Larry Hornbeck, Texas Instruments
2012 - Dr. Mario Romero-Ortega, UT Arlington
2011 - J.C. Chiao, UT Arlington
2010 - Yves Chabal, UT Dallas, Erik Jonsson School of
Engineering & Computer Science
2009 - Dr. Bruce Li, 21st Century Silicon, Inc.
2008 - Dr. Bill Krenik, Jeff Bellay and the LoCosto
Development Team, Texas Instruments
2007 - David Hanson, Hanson Robotics

CORPORATE CTO AWARD: Recognizes a significant investment transaction that impacts and delivers significant long-term economic prosperity and sustainable economic results for the Metroplex and improves the technology innovation investment climate of the region.

- 2017 Michael Boren, Beck Technology
- 2016 Andrew Olowu, Axxess
- 2015 Mamie Jones, Intuit
- 2014 Monica Martino, Accudata Technologies
- 2013 Shailin Sehgal, GENBAND
- 2012 John P. Volpi, Lone Star Aerospace

CORPORATE CIO AWARD: Recognizes the Chief Information Officer for exceptional technical leadership that fosters the deployment of IT resulting in significant value for the company.

2017 – Suja Chandrasekaran, Kimberly-Clark 2016 – Maya Leibman, American Airlines 2015 – Pam Parisian, AT&T



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TECHNOLOGY ADOPTER AWARD: Recognizes a company

whose core business is not technology for outstanding adoption and application of innovative technologies to successfully change and impact its business results.

- 2017 Caliber Collision Center
- 2016 Children's Health System of Texas
- 2015 Artizone
- 2014 BenefitMall
- 2013 Baylor Health Care System
- 2012 Methodist Richardson Medical Center
- 2011 BNSF Railway
- 2010 The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano
- 2009 North Texas Tollway Authority
- 2008 American Airlines
- 2007 Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport
- 2006 Methodist Health Systems

TECHNOLOGY ADVOCATE AWARD: Recognizes a technology service provider for outstanding leadership in the community by assisting, enabling or accelerating the performance of its technology clients. Providers eligible for this award are law, accounting, capital venture and recruitment firms; educational institutions; and related services companies that support technology and engineering companies or organizations.

- 2017 Trey Bowles, The Dallas Entrepreneur Center
- 2016 DFW-ATW Alliance of Technology and Women
- 2015 Tad McIntosh, HumCap
- 2014 Angie Chen Button, Texas House of Reps
- 2013 Dr. David E. Daniel, UT Dallas
- 2012 Robert Robb, Tech Commercialization, UT Dallas 2011 – TECH Fort Worth
- 2010 North Texas Regional Center for Innovation and Commercialization
- 2009 Dan Branch, Texas House of Representatives 2008 – Institute Innovation/Entrepreneurship UT Dallas

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2016 - Heidi Means, Texas Instruments
2015 - Gil Lee, Intellichoice Inc./UT Dallas
2014 - Gayle Anderson, DigiWorks
2013 - Valerie Freeman, BravoTECH
2012 - Michael Doherty, Hewlett Packard
2011 - Wanda Gass, TI Fellow, Texas Instruments
2010 - Gurvendra Suri, Optimal Solutions Integration
2009 - Corey Kirkendoll, Cisco Systems
2008 - Shauna Black, VP WW Facilities, Texas
Instruments, & Kevin Lofgren, CEO, Farstar
2007 - Tegwin Pulley, Texas Instruments
2006 - Debbie Mrazek, The Sales Company
2005 - Franklyn Jenifer, Ph.D., University of Texas Dallas
2004 - George Ellis, SoftBrands, Inc.

FAST TECH AWARD: Fast Tech award is for the company that

has experienced the largest amount of revenue growth.

- 2017 BroadJump
- 2016 Newline Interactive
- 2015 4WEB Medical
- 2014 Azpen Innovation, Inc.
- 2013 Prism Microwave, Inc.
- 2012 OneSource Virtual
- 2011 Mavenir Systems
- 2010 OraMetrix, Inc.
- 2009 One Technologies LP
- 2008 SoftLayer Technologies



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- 2017 Charlie Feld, The Feld Group Institute
- 2015 Dr. David E. Daniel, University of Texas at Dallas 2014 – Jim Donald, DSC
- 2013 Dr. Rolf Haberecht, VLSIP Technologies, Inc.
- 2012 Krish Prabhu, CTO, AT&T
- 2011 Jon Bayless, Sevin Rosen Funds
- 2010 Bill Sproull, President & CEO, Tech Titans

INVESTMENT CATALYST AWARD: Recognizes a significant investment transaction that impacts and delivers significant long-term economic prosperity and sustainable economic results for the Metroplex and improves the technology innovation investment climate of the region.

- 2017 Bios Partners
- 2016 Hangar Ventures
- 2015 Texas Women Ventures
- 2014 Health Wildcatters
- 2013 Frontier Capital
- 2012 Tech Wildcatters

TECH TITAN OF THE FUTURE - UNIVERSITY LEVEL:

Recognizes educational institutions that encourage and support students to choose engineering and technologyrelated disciplines as a preferred career path. The award finalists display creative, innovative approaches that reach out to students and other learning-minded professionals and related institutions.

2017 – University of Texas at Dallas Young Women in Science and Engineering Investigators Program
2016 – University of Texas at Arlington ASSURE
2015 – Yan Wan & Shengli Fu, University of North Texas
2014 – Engineering & Technology, Collin College

2013 – UTDesign, Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science, UT Dallas

2012 – Net-Centric, IUCRC University of North Texas 2011 – NanoExplorers Program, The University of Texas at Dallas, Alan G. MacDiarmid NanoTech Institute 2010 – UNT Summer Robocamp for Girls 2009 – UTeach Dallas, UT Dallas 2008 – Richland Collegiate High School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering, Richland College, DCCCD 2007 – ATEC Arts & Technology – UT Dallas 2006 – Academic Bridge Program – UT Dallas 2005 – Richland College, ASA Eng. Degree

TECH TITAN OF THE FUTURE - HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL:

Recognizes a high school math or science teacher for the development and implementation of an innovative teaching technique or program that inspires student interest in math and/or science.

2017 – Henry Vo, Richardson ISD 2016 – Kayla Olivas, Plano ISD 2015 – Michael Yakubovsky, Coppell High School 2014 – Daniel Brown, Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School, Dallas ISD 2013 – Chad Gilliland, Richardson High School 2012 – Janine Amy, WT White, Dallas ISD 2011 – Kim Wolff, Plano Senior High School, Plano ISD 2010 – Alisa Salvans, Richardson High School 2009 – Dr. George J. Hademenos, Richardson High School

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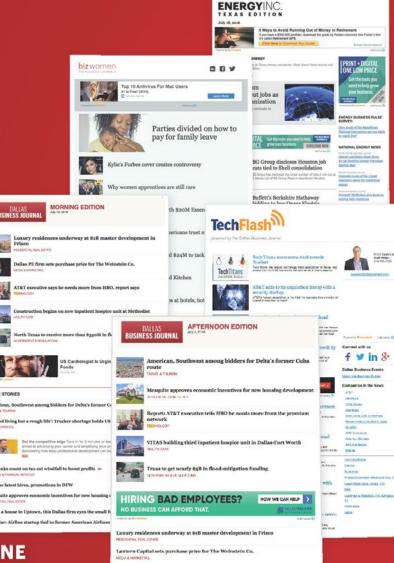
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