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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
- Dinner**
- 8:00** **STEM Initiative** – presented by State Farm
- Perot tribute**
- Tech Titan of the Future**
- University Level** – presented by Huawei Technologies
- High School Level** – presented by VLSIP Technologies
- Fast Tech Awards Presentation**
by Moss Adams, Comerica Bank Tech & Life Sciences, Dallas Business Journal
- Corporate CEO** – presented by Masergy
- Community Hero** – presented by Axxess
- Technology Inventor** – presented by Deborah Sawyer
- Corporate CIO** – presented by CyrusOne
- Technology Advocate** – presented by Nokia
- Corporate CTO** – presented by Deloitte
- Technology Adopter** – presented by Thomson Reuters
- Investment Catalyst** – presented by Bill Sproull
- Emerging Company Innovation** – presented by Fujitsu
- Corporate Innovation** – presented by Ericsson
- Emerging Company CEO** – presented by ZRG Partners
- 9:15** **Gala Closing Remarks** - Bill Sproull and Deborah Sawyer

GALA CHAIR

Deborah Sawyer, ZRG

Cel-e-brate good times, come on! Let's celebrate! *(cue background music)*

On behalf of the Tech Titans Board of Directors, the 2019 Gala Committee and all of our sponsors, welcome to the Annual Tech Titans Awards Gala.

For the past 19 years, we have celebrated the achievements of cutting-edge leaders from tech companies whose ideas have elevated technology in North Texas – plus recognized those who have made their successes and growth possible, from investors to the high school teachers who inspire future titans.

Our judges had an unenviable task this year: how do you choose finalists from a pool of more than 150 elite nominees? This year was another record-breaking year of nominations, including those in the innovators and inventors categories. The judges said they were truly impressed.

The Gala Committee worked tirelessly planning this event. Thank you to these dedicated volunteers for your hard work to make this night such a highlight. One of our long-term contributors is Tanis Cornell, who has been a motivational leader of our programs for years. We wish you well on your way, as we find we can't compete with the grandbabies!

The awards gala would not be possible without our sponsors who are listed in this program and who are here in force this evening. Please join me in thanking them for their commitment to innovation and to our organization.

Enjoy your evening! And join us on social media: [#TechTitansAwards](https://twitter.com/TechTitansAwards)



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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 higher educational institutions' technology-related curricula and incentives to perpetuate tech-related knowledge transfer.

- **Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, The University of Texas at Dallas** – The Innovate(her) program educates middle school girls about technology, finance and the entrepreneurial mindset. Students develop relationships with mentors and participate in a one-day, hands-on conference. The experience builds confidence and increases interest in tech careers and entrepreneurship.
- **M.S. Physics with Physics Teaching Emphasis, Texas A&M University-Commerce**, recognizes the importance of high school preparation for foundational STEM courses. Their online Master's degree in Physics with a Physics Teaching Emphasis was established in 2015. More than 60 high school physics teachers are currently enrolled, the majority from North Texas.
- **Reconfigurable Computing Lab, The University of North Texas**, developed by Dr. Gayatri Mehta, includes the visual design environment, UNTANGLED, which enables human optimization strategies for integrated circuit design and algorithm development. This innovative approach promotes computational thinking among people without STEM backgrounds and increases students' interest in pursuing STEM disciplines.
- **UTDesign EPICS (Engineering Projects in Community Service), The University of Texas at Dallas**, engages freshman through senior students from all majors to work on projects for nonprofit partners, where they apply their technical learning and leave a lasting impact on the community. The program has grown from 24 students in 2016 to 100 projected for fall 2019.

Congratulations

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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.

- **Morris Goldade, Wylie ISD**, is Wylie High School's robotics and engineering teacher. In three years, he has grown the robotics program from two classes and 40 students to six classes and nearly 140 students. He is a VEX robotics coach and SkillsUSA advisor, and his students have been very successful in competitions. He sponsors the Robotics Club and National Technical Honor Society.
- **Leigh Ann Mitchell, Lewisville High School**, is a math teacher at the Killough campus. She incorporates the Desmos graphing calculator app and 3D printers in her classes to make math visual and accessible. Students experience STEM-focused learning through designing, modeling, analyzing, evaluating, and refining products they choose to create.
- **Jared Stites, Hebron High School**, is the computer science teacher. He encourages students to pursue computer science careers and builds on classroom knowledge by participating in competitions and outside projects. Of his 164 students, 56 took the AP Computer Science exam this year.
- **Lisa Wong, Trinity Christian Academy**, is director of technology. She launched the school's honors engineering design class, where seniors study ethics and communications skills as well as design principles and practices, plus learn about a wide range of engineering careers. She also manages a summer technology intern program.



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Together, we're building the future workforce and the next generation of Tech Titans Award recipients. Our summer camps and school-year educational events introduce kids to their potential futures: working in rewarding, fun STEM careers. They participate in experiential learning, meet STEM professionals and tour companies.

Tech Titans STEM initiative focus areas include:

- 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

We need you!

Volunteer. Join the STEM Talent Team or register as an outreach volunteer.

Invest. Sponsor a Tech Titans STEM Day or STEM camp. Share your experience with students; host an event and demonstrate STEM careers in action.

Promote our STEM video contest. Sponsored by State Farm, films created by young contestants become part of the Tech Titans tool kit: compelling content that volunteers use with students.

Connect with one kid, change a life, change the world. Contact Tech Titans STEM Director Dave Galley at dave@techtitans.org.



Samsung volunteers speed network with high school students (left). Students compete in "Float Your Boat," a hands-on, engineering design challenge.



CORPORATE CEO

James Klein, Qorvo

James Klein joined Qorvo in 2011 and serves as president of its Infrastructure and Defense Products (IDP) business.

Through Klein's strategic leadership, the IDP group is achieving industry-leading breakthroughs. Its portfolio of products and foundry services support applications include radar, next-generation base stations and optical communications. IDP's rapid growth has added more than 1,200 jobs to the Dallas area.

Under his direction, Qorvo established technology and product leadership in gallium nitride, expanding its defense uses in radar and electronic warfare to new commercial markets, including 5G base stations and cable networking.

Prior to joining Qorvo, he spent 13 years with Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems. Klein was the general manager for Raytheon's Advanced Products Center, which led the design and manufacturing of RF subsystems and components for cutting-edge military equipment. He also served as vice president of Mission Systems Integration for Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems.

Klein received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in electrical engineering from Texas A&M University in College Station.



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A TRIBUTE Ross Perot

Ross Perot invented an industry building and running data processing systems for other companies.

Dozens of technology companies in North Texas and around the country can trace their ancestral roots to EDS, either as spin-offs or through executive leadership who once worked at EDS or Perot Systems.

"Without question, Ross Perot was a seminal figure in the evolution of the Dallas-Fort Worth region as a tech mecca. Not only did he found two successful data processing companies that, in turn, have spawned uncountable spinoffs. But he also served as a de facto ambassador for DFW, spreading the word around the globe that we'd become an important player in the info-tech business." – Bernard Weinstein, adjunct professor of Business Economics at Southern Methodist University.

In January 1962, Perot had already fulfilled his entire annual sales quota because of a recent change in IBM's commission structure. Not satisfied with the administrative job then offered him by IBM, he recognized an unmet need among IBM's many computer customers. Most companies had few knowledgeable personnel to operate their new computer equipment. Perot wanted to offer skilled electronic data processing management services to these companies. He presented his ideas to IBM executives, but they were not interested.

Perot left the company and, on June 27, 1962 – his 32nd birthday – incorporated Electronic Data Systems (EDS) in Dallas. EDS developed a business concept later termed "facilities management." Companies would concentrate their energies on what they did best, leaving the computing and data processing tasks to EDS, who could do them more efficiently and economically.

"There was no outsourcing. He was the first one to come and say, 'I'll take that off your hands. I'll run it for you.'" said Charlie Feld, who joined EDS after the acquisition of Feld Group.

EDS pioneered the concept of distributed processing, by which systems and terminals communicate with each other from remote locations. It developed computer systems set up to serve a specific industry. These systems could then be modified according to each customer's needs. In the 1970s, EDS developed Regional Data Centers, where customers could transmit their work to be handled by EDS's data processing equipment and personnel.

"Ross saw a business problem, and then hired smart people to solve it with technology. He was a great leader of people. He had an instinctive style that fits technology." – said Ron Nash, CEO of Austin's Pivot3, who worked at EDS in the 1970s and 1980s.

"We need to have more and more of our children and young people become scientists and engineers. If we want to continue to be the source of new ideas and new inventions that create millions of jobs for our people across the country, we've got to have engineers," said Perot of this vision.

"Every day he came to work trying to figure out how he could help somebody." – Ross Perot, Jr.



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Michael Callahan from Zimperium, Philip Goericke from Alkami, Rick Mora from Solovis, David Deering from Leo Cyber Security, George Baker from ParkHub.

FINALISTS

Community Hero Award

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

- **Jorge Corral, Accenture**, Dallas office managing director, is a board member of United Way of Metropolitan Dallas (UWMD). He helps advance its work furthering social innovation and entrepreneurship. Because of his leadership and advocacy, Accenture's Dallas office invested \$500,000 in UWMD's Social Innovation Accelerator to support nonprofit innovators working to advance education, promote health and reduce poverty.
- **Shanthi Rajaram, Amazech Solutions**, president and CEO, is committed to connecting women and girls with technology education and careers. She is a tech accelerator program chair for LiftFund D/FW Women's Business Center. A DFW*ATW board member, she's organized an iCodeHackathon for 280 kids and Digital Divas for 150 girls.
- **Bob Sawler, The Realtime Group**, VP business development, and his family founded "Food for the Soul," a nonprofit fighting childhood hunger school by school in the Metroplex. One of its initiatives, the Backpack Program, feeds 1,500 kids every weekend and has provided more than 2.5 million free meals to-date in seven school districts.
- **Chris Skaggs, TSP**, VP, talent and brand, and his wife, Amy, founded Leighton's Gift in 2013. The nonprofit's mission is keeping parents connected with their premature babies in neonatal units through bedside webcams. To-date, they've raised nearly \$200,000 and funded installation of 45 webcams – one for every NICU bed in Plano – and 25 units in The Woodlands.

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Technology Inventor Award

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- **Corey Clark, Ph.D., BALANCED Media | Technology**, infuses human intelligence into machine learning. Their HEWMEN platform combines the processing power of gaming computers with the intuition of gamers themselves to analyze medical imagery and processed data to help make cancer treatments more effective.
- **Ken Moore, Spark Connected**, and team have developed a wireless power solution for the telecom industry. When integrated into a 5G fixed wireless access node, it delivers power wirelessly at a distance to an outside high-gain antenna through a window. It represents a paradigm shift in last-mile delivery of advanced internet access, allowing providers to deploy 5G faster at a lower cost.
- **Rym Zalila-Wenkstern, Ph.D., The University of Texas at Dallas** – The future of reducing road congestion lies in the implementation of intelligent traffic systems. Dr. Rym Zalila-Wenkstern and her team developed an agent-based traffic light management system. Based on the concept of distributed AI, this technology outperforms the traditional centralized traffic light management systems widely used in the U.S.
- **Muthu Wijesundara, Ph.D., The University of Texas at Arlington Research Institute (UTARI)**, and his team developed innovative designs and controls for fluid and air-filled actuators made with soft flexible polymers that work in active and passive modes. Current application development includes pressure ulcer prevention products such as mattresses, and a motion-therapy robotic glove for neurological and physical rehabilitation.



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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**, led the implementation of an enterprise-wide electronic medical record system that helped make life better for children by extending reach into the community, gaining efficiencies in care delivery processes, preventing unnecessary transports and testing and delivering more informed care to patients.
- **Sherif Mityas, TGI Fridays**, who is also the chief strategy officer, is extending artificial intelligence into the restaurant business to increase the to-go business, improve guest experience and reduce staff turnover.
- **Neelu Sethi, Reddy Ice**, has built an environment of IT innovation and enabled significant future growth for Reddy Ice. After stabilizing the ERP system, she created and led her team in the execution of a visionary IT roadmap; building IT talent, enabling data as a single source of truth (SSoT), rolling out field technology and retiring several dated legacy systems.
- **Gertrude Van Horn, NCH Corporation**, transformed the IT team into a business enablement function role that supports growing NCH businesses in 50 locations. Using internal talent, she championed worldwide implementation of Salesforce.com, led global infrastructure security compliance and expanded ERP deployment/implementation of Oracle to 36 countries in 36 months.



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- **Kedreon Cole, Scoreboard Ventures**, VP, Gaming and Esports, is an advocate for the growing sports technology, gaming and esports industry. He helped launch the first North Texas esports business accelerator and serves as Dallas Startup Week's esports/gaming track chair.
- **Tom Edwards, BlackFin360**, has a passion for sharing technology strategy. He's reached thousands with his thought leadership through speaking, TEDx talks, consulting and writing 500-plus technology-centric blog posts for BlackFin360.com. His insights and strategic approaches have reached thousands of marketing and technology professionals in North Texas and worldwide.
- **Hilda Galvan, Jones Day**, has devoted her legal career to protecting technology companies' intellectual property. She was instrumental in bringing a Regional Office of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to Dallas and advocates for the technology community through her service to the Dallas Regional Chamber (2017 Board Chair), benefiting North Texas inventors and entrepreneurs.
- **Hope Shimabuku, Texas Regional United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, leads the office, increasing access to services and resources and providing IP education and programs for inventors, entrepreneurs, students, startups and researchers. She ensures USPTO initiatives and programs are tailored to the region's unique ecosystem of industries and stakeholders.



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Corporate CTO

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- **Arjun Dugal, Capital One** – As CTO for Capital One's Financial Services Division, Arjun Dugal leads cross-functional technology teams and DataLabs, which builds industrial-scale data products. His division was the first to migrate all of its data to the cloud, a key component of Capital One's digital transformation. In 2018 his organization submitted 180 patents.
- **Mark Haney, Alkami Technology** – Mark's understanding of the competitive landscape and comprehensive strategy led Alkami to embrace microservices and an automated release engineering pipeline, allowing them to maintain one code base that is delivered to every client on their multi-tenant platform. The biggest impact has been new clients gained because of this platform.
- **Kate Hopkins, AT&T**, VP data platform is a critical leader in AT&T's Chief Data Office. In 2018, her teams delivered hundreds of millions of dollars in business value through a philosophy of data optimization to transform the way AT&T makes decisions, acts on them, and delivers greater results. She is at the forefront of outlining and executing the company's data-powered vision and strategy.
- **Bill Lowrey, Istation**, and his team are leading the charge to completely change the backend infrastructure that supports and enables all of Istation's products. He championed the company's Agile transformation and its use of cloud storage in deployment of a key new product – Oral Reading Fluency Assessment Program (ORF).

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- **Cinemark Theatres** – By adopting and leveraging Digital Cinema – 4k DLP technology – Cinemark eliminated the use of traditional 35mm film, increased efficiency in scheduling showtimes and expanded the content exhibited in its theatres from box office movies to live events, corporate meetings and gaming. As a result, Cinemark's U.S. box office has outperformed the North American industry 36 out of 41 quarters.
- **Rebel Athletic** partnered with SevenTablets to create FitFreedom, an augmented-reality fitting app for its customized cheerleading uniforms that takes accurate measurements of the human body. FitFreedom replaced traditional try-on "fit kits." Accuracy is now 99 percent, eliminating several hundred thousand dollars of returns and re-orders.
- **Signature Pointe Dallas** is pioneering the use of virtual reality in senior living. The staff uses MyndVR headsets to provide engaging activities for residents in all levels of care. From the Air Force vet piloting a virtual plane to the Parkinson's patient experiencing a short-term reduction in tremors, adopting this technology has enriched residents' lives.
- **TGI Fridays** makes high-impact use of AI and AR to enable more personalized engagement with the brand, inside and outside of its restaurants. New in-store capabilities, like AI-powered virtual bartenders that interact with customers, show measurable results. Since implementation, annual guest frequency increased by 50% and average guest check by 10%.

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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.

- **Blue Star Innovation Partners**, based in Frisco, is a growth accelerator for software and technology entrepreneurs. In 2018 software investment deals included Neon One, operating in the nonprofit technology ecosystem space – which has raised \$10 billion for nonprofits to date – and Payrix, a growing payment facilitator.
- **Dumb Money** is an early-stage investment firm. Their YouTube channel, DumbMoney.tv, features North Texas entrepreneurs and start-ups and is watched by subscribers in 40 countries. In 2018 they exited their investment in local start-up OrderMyGear, a leading ecommerce platform for sports apparel.
- **Perot Jain** is a Dallas-based venture capital firm and active participant in building the Dallas entrepreneurship and start-up ecosystem. Their investments are in B2B companies in the mobility, healthcare and business services sectors. They are a resource for early-stage founders to access capital and support in the region, where eight of their 40 portfolio companies are based.
- **Texas Women Ventures (TWV)** has invested in and provided critical guidance and mentoring to women-led companies in Texas since 2005. TWV has invested more than \$20 million in Dallas-area technology companies, including the 2018 launch of a new limited partnership fund to invest in Ikonopedia and its next generation reporting and tracking technology toward better breast health.

Emerging Company 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 is headquartered in the DFW Metroplex and has 2018 operating revenues of at least \$2 million but no more than \$200 million.

- **5miles** is using blockchain and machine learning technology to make local buying and selling online, peer-to-peer, better for all—safer and more secure.
- **GIACT** is at the forefront of helping companies eliminate payments risk and identity fraud.
- **Nexeon Technologies** is a medical device company that treats a variety of neurological disorders through electrical stimulation of neural tissues.
- **Razberi Technologies'** simple and user-friendly cyber platform uses video surveillance and IoT devices to help companies secure and manage their networks.

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 2018 operating revenues of more than \$200 million.

- **AT&T** is fundamentally changing the telecommunications industry by moving from its proprietary network to an open source software ecosystem by creating breakthrough technologies.

FINALISTS

- **Insight Enterprises** provides solutions that are saving their customers millions of dollars by using new technologies like Microsoft's Intelligent Cloud platform.
- **Nokia** – Through its 5G SmartLab, Nokia is creating new innovative solutions about how 5G can help improve operational efficiency and management of businesses at scale.
- **PepsiCo** has made significant investments in digital technologies to achieve next-generation digital capabilities and enhance business performance through five key digital platforms and services.

Emerging Company CEO

Recognizes the CEO of a technology company headquartered in the DFW Metroplex with 2018 operating revenues of at least \$2 million but no more than \$200 million.

- **Calvin Carter, Bottle Rocket**, launched Bottle Rocket 11 years ago; the day after Apple opened their app store to third parties. Today, Bottle Rocket is the industry-leading Connected Lifestyle company, connecting future-focused brands and their customers through sophisticated yet simple experiences.
- **Curtis Hite, Improving**, which is an innovative IT services firm built on and led by values of excellence, dedication and involvement. Co-founded in 2006 by conscious capitalist Curtis, its 500 employees have extensive accumulated technology and management experience in several industries.
- **Will Rosellini, Nexeon Medsystems**, develops and manufactures neurostimulation technology that treats several neurological disorders. Will founded the company and persevered in developing the business after his CTO died unexpectedly of a brain stem stroke.
- **Andrew Schaap, Aligned Energy**, led Aligned Energy's transition from a data center provider to a unique model for sustainability in the data center space. Development of its smart data center infrastructure has delivered continuous improvement of the organization's economic success and environmental impact.

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With the proliferation of technology and the divergent needs of the industry, Tech Titans offers forums built around specific technology or business verticals where members can meet and share ideas around areas that would most benefit their careers and the future of their companies.

Involvement comes in a variety of forms, from small to large groups; speakers, panels or roundtables; breakfast, lunch and happy hours. New groups continue to form around areas of interest and even location.

Non-members may attend any of the forum meetings, though only members may have a leadership role. If you have any questions about the special interest forum program, please contact Tech Titans SVP Programs Paul Bendel at 972-792-2854 or paul@techtitans.org.



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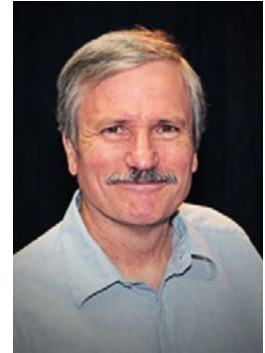
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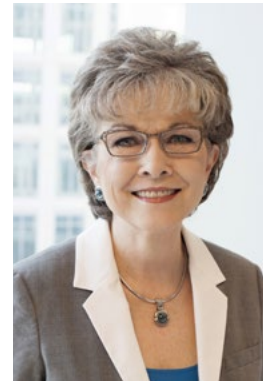
Dr. John Randall, Judge Co-chair
President of Zyvex Labs and Adjunct Professor, UT Dallas

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.



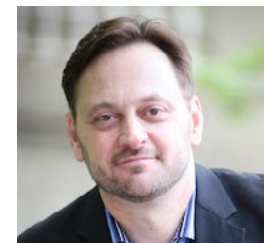
Tanis Cornell, Judge Co-chair
EWF International, CEO and co-owner

EWF is a leadership accelerator driving business results by increasing the representation of women in the C-Suite and business ownership. EWF provides a wide variety of customized development programs for companies to expand the leadership pipeline and drive business results. Tanis has a broad background in senior leadership positions ranging from Fortune 500 to start-up environments that include an officer level position in a Fortune 1000 telecom company to an equity owner and board member of a private software firm. Tanis is a certified Lumina Learning practitioner, accredited executive coach, writer and frequent public speaker on business growth, leadership and women's career issues. She brings 25+ years of experience in strategic planning, executive management, sales/alliance management, brand management & marketing.



Jack Carter
HCK2, Executive Vice President

HCK2 is a full-service marketing agency in Dallas. During the past 10 years he's successfully guided companies such as Standard & Poor's, Fujitsu, Rent-A-Center, and AT&T through digital transformations, helping them integrate emerging digital technologies, reduce time to market, and leverage new channels to drive business results. He combines 30 years of experience driving technology innovation with a background in management consulting to shape the brand, marketing and product strategy for clients in HCK2's extensive portfolio.



JUDGES

Jennifer Carter, Judges committee co-chair President, EWF International

EWF International is a Dallas-based leadership development company driving business results by increasing the representation of women in business leadership and ownership. She has more than 20 years experience with startups and Fortune 500 companies, working in brand management, marketing, product design, change management, technology and cultural transformation, and business acceleration. Her specialty is motivating and guiding people to do new and hard things – particularly when they don't want to. She's an alumnus of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program and a member of the Dallas Business Journal's Leadership Trust. Her B.A. and M.A. are in literary theory and linguistics from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, and she completed her doctoral work at the State University of New York, focusing on the intersection between identity construction, linguistics and the digital revolution.



Greg Fasullo enTouch, CEO

Greg is a nationally recognized serial entrepreneur, currently serving as CEO for enTouch, a Richardson-based Internet of Things software company. enTouch provides a software-enabled service for national chains that optimizes facility operations, reduces energy consumption and increases profitability. He holds 12 granted U.S. patents, serves on the advisory board of REVTECH accelerator and was winner of the 2016 Tech Titans Emerging Company CEO.



Mary Ferguson President & CEO, Concenter Services

Technology has played a key role in Ferguson's professional background for more than 20 years. She has held management positions in such diverse organizations as USAA, First American, Verizon, Boy Scouts of America and Baylor Healthcare System. In the fall of 2009, Ferguson was presented with the opportunity to purchase the assets of a small firm with a single product marketed through Salesforce.com. Concenter Services was formed to market and develop XLR8, a CRM designed specifically for the financial advisory and wealth management industry. Ferguson has developed an extensive knowledge of social media, cloud computing, web development, data warehousing, analytics and project management. Ferguson earned her BBA at University of Texas, Austin and earned her master's degree at University of North Texas.



JUDGES

Stacie Hyatt **Owner, SL Partners/SACL**

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.



Lina Abi Mosleh, Ph.D. **Principal Scientist, Ayass Bioscience**

Lina earned her Bachelor's and Master's in Cell Biology at the American University of Beirut in Lebanon. Upon moving to the U.S., Lina received her Ph.D. in Molecular Genetics and Biochemistry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas in the laboratory of Nobel laureates Drs. Michael S. Brown and Joseph L. Goldstein. She then completed her postdoctoral studies on cholesterol homeostasis in mammalian cells in the same laboratory. Subsequently, she went on to serve as a faculty member in the Department of Molecular Genetics at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. In 2015, she was presented with the opportunity to work as a Principal Scientist at Ayass Bioscience.



Lin Nelson

Lin Nelson is a recognized innovator with 15+ years of experience developing technology-based businesses, delivering fact-based analysis & leading operations 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.



JUDGES

Andrew Olowu **Axxess, CTO**

As chief technology officer at Axxess, Andrew Olowu is responsible for the development and execution of the software portfolio and overall technology vision of the fastest-growing home healthcare technology company. With nearly 20 years of experience in the information technology (IT) field, Andrew has played key roles in solving complex business problems by building enterprise solutions. He has held a variety of leadership roles in information technology and led digital systems development for BMW, HP, T-Mobile, Reed Smith LLP and other brands.



Lin O'Neill **O'Neill Enterprises, President & CEO**

Lin O'Neill is a consultant, speaker, trainer and coach who inspires radical transformation. With clients, she demonstrates and guides the incorporation of strategic plans into the everyday decisions of their organizations. She has led strategic planning teams for Fortune 100 companies and a variety of not-for-profits, Lin has coached multiple CEOs and E.D.s in strategic plan development, facilitated strategic planning as part of major contract negotiations and aided businesses and organizations as they worked to develop and implement their plans for the future. Current Clients include the Smithsonian Museum, APNA, CCM and Real Networks.



Joseph Pancrazio, PhD **VP for Research, UT Dallas**

Joseph J. Pancrazio has a 30 year career working at the interface of bioscience and engineering. He currently serves as Vice President for Research (VPR) and Professor of Bioengineering at UT Dallas. He oversees research funding, grants and contracts; campus research facilities and information systems; technology commercialization and licensing; venture development "incubator" facilities; and laboratory compliance and safety. Dr. Pancrazio's research focuses on the development of novel neural interface technology, which is used to understand and influence the brain and nervous system for the purposes of improving human health. He has a BS in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois followed by a MS and PhD in biomedical engineering from the University of Virginia.



JUDGES

Gail Stout Perry

Vice President and Partner, Credera

Gail Stout Perry is Vice President & Partner at Credera, a full-service management and IT consulting firm with offices in Dallas, Houston, Denver, Chicago, and New York. Gail has more than 25 years of management consulting experience across multiple industries, disciplines, and technologies. Prior to joining Credera, Gail worked in management consulting at Andersen Consulting (now Accenture), the Balanced Scorecard Institute and other firms. She has also held the role of Chief Strategy Officer and VP Americas at a global software company. She is a co-author of a textbook, *The Institute Way: Simplify Strategic Planning and Management* with the Balanced Scorecard which is available in English, Arabic, and Vietnamese. Gail earned her B.S. in Industrial Engineering (with a focus on Automation & Robotics) from The University of Texas at Arlington and her MBA from Abilene Christian University.



Stacy Scott

Managing Director, Cyber Risk, Kroll

Stacy Scott is a managing director in Kroll's Cyber Risk practice, based in Los Angeles. In addition to founding and operating her own consultancy, Stacy has served in high-profile roles with a leading cyber security consulting firm, a Big Four accounting firm, and the largest not-for-profit healthcare system in Texas. She joined Kroll with more than 16 years of experience, during which she built a successful track record of developing and implementing strategic information security initiatives that help organizations better safeguard data, manage risk, and enhance business operations. She holds a bachelor's of business administration degree in information and operations management from Texas A&M University.



Jason Story

Partner, Interlock Partners

Jason is a Texas-based investor and serial entrepreneur, who co-founded Interlock Partners, a Dallas-based Venture Capital firm, in 2016. He serves as the principal investor in a number of startups in Austin and Dallas, and believes in being very involved in guiding their product development strategy. His passion for growing startups took flight when co-founding, Mutual Mobile a global consulting agency that harnesses emerging technologies. His vision and execution of strategy allowed Mutual Mobile to create and direct the mobile product efforts for many Fortune 500 companies. Prior to Mutual Mobile, Jason built an IT services and security firm, Gravity Technical, which was acquired by White Glove Technologies, a Best Buy company. His entrepreneurial spirit was nurtured during his time at the University of Texas at Austin.



JUDGES

Samantha Tennant

WW product safety certification manager, Texas Instruments

Samantha Tennant joined Texas Instruments as a design support engineer in 1998. For several years, her career focused in the automotive communications arena. She currently serves as the worldwide product safety certification manager. She also is very active in the community encouraging STEM education through the Girl Scouts and currently serves on the STEM advisory board. Samantha holds bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from Tulane University.



Charlie Vogt

President and CEO, ATX Networks

ATX Networks is a global leader of access networking and media distribution solutions. Charlie is responsible for the company's overall strategic vision, global operations and growth. He is a dynamic and results-oriented leader with more than 30 years of professional experience – 17 as CEO of high-growth companies such as GENBAND and Imagine Communications. He has a proven track record of building and leading global organizations through high growth and rapid change in challenging and competitive environments and his visionary leadership has led to market-leading product innovation and go-to-market strategies. Charlie holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Saint Louis University, where he also played Division I NCAA baseball.



Hubert Zajicek

Health Wildcatters, CEO/co-founder

Health Wildcatters is a nationally top ranked healthcare accelerator and investment fund in Dallas. Health Wildcatters provides mentorship, capital and guidance to healthcare related startups. The accelerator raises an angel-investor backed health innovation fund that has invested in 60 healthcare startups. These startups have attracted \$60M+ in capital in 6 years and are valued at over a quarter billion dollars. Dr. Zajicek has extensive experience with startups and is an active speaker, panelist and thought leader on healthcare startups, entrepreneurship, financing & healthcare. Previously he was director of medical technology at North Texas Enterprise Center, which eventually became the Southwest's largest medtech investment conference, showcasing startups that attracted in excess of \$300M. Prior, he was on faculty at UT Southwestern. He has an MD from University of Vienna and an MBA from SMU.



CORPORATE CEO AWARD: Recognizes CEO leadership within the technology and communications industry. *May not be awarded every year.*

2018 – Steve Winn, RealPage
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.

2018 – Vanessa Ogle, Enseo, Inc.
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

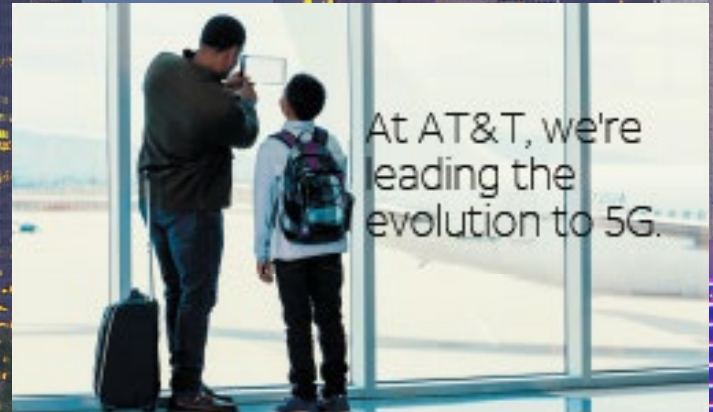
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2018 – FirstNet by AT&T
2017 – Capital One
2016 – Nokia
2015 – Qorvo
2014 – Texas Instruments
2013 – Nokia Siemens Networks
2012 – AT&T Foundry
2011 – Alcatel-Lucent
2010 – D4D Technologies LLC
2009 – Electronic Transaction Consultants
2008 – Samsung Telecommunications America
2007 – Nortel, 4GBusiness & Ecosystem Development
2006 – Retractable Technologies, Inc.
2005 – Advanced Neuromodulation Systems, Inc. (ANS)
2004 – SYSTIMAX Solutions
2003 – Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway

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.

2018 – Bottle Rocket
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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2018 – Rahul Saini, Zyvex Labs
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.

2018 – Kim Keating, AT&T
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



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2018 – Callbox Storage, LLC
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.

2018 – David Sym-Smith, Mobility Ventures
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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2018 – Bill Warren, Reflect Systems
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 – Shaunna 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.

2018 – Zimperium
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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HALL OF FAME: Honors a technology visionary from the Metroplex for outstanding leadership in assisting, advancing and accelerating the performance of the technology industry and/or adoption of technology in North Texas. *May not be awarded every year.*

- 2018 - Romelia Flores, IBM
- 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.

- 2018 - The Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, UT Dallas
- 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 technology-related 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.

- 2018 - University of North Texas, Bug Wars
- 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 TX
- 2014 - Engineering & Technology, Collin College
- 2013 - UDesign, 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.

- 2018 - Douglas Lee, Dallas International School
- 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
- 2008 - Rebecca McGowan Jensen, Ph.D., School for the Talented and Gifted, Dallas ISD
- 2007 - Barbara Flickinger, J.J. Pearce High School, Richardson ISD
- 2006 - David Carroll, Plano West Senior High School

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