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## **Nashville's Tech Best Announced at 12th Annual NTC Awards**

The Greater Nashville Technology Council announced the winners of the 12th Annual NTC Awards, live broadcast from Stage Post Studios to hundreds of online attendees on Thursday evening. This was the first time the event was a hybrid in-person and virtually webcast program.

The event, co-hosted by Brian Moyer, CEO and President of the Greater Nashville Technology Council, and Derek Young, corporate leader, community leader, and author, brought together more than 400 registered virtual attendees – representing more than 97 technology companies and related organizations in Middle Tennessee. All were present to celebrate this year's technology champions in fifteen categories, including two new awards: Diversity and Inclusion Advocate of the Year and Technology Educator of the Year.

"This past year presented challenges for our region and country that we never could have anticipated. And through it all, the greater Nashville tech community continued to shine by giving freely to assist those in need, by innovating to solve problems, and by protecting and supporting our local tech workforce," said Brian Moyer. "For twelve years, the NTC Awards has recognized the people that make Nashville the destination for creative and innovative technology, and contributing to Middle Tennessee's growth and prosperity. This year, it felt all the more important to celebrate our region's tech leaders and their impactful work."

This year's NTC Awards winners are listed below. Special recognition was bestowed on Lindsey Morgan, of Vaco, who was announced as **NTC's Champion of the Year**.

**CIO of the Year:**

Stephanie Dedmon, State of Tennessee

**Community Leader of the Year:**

Alishah Novin, Celero Commerce

**CTO of the Year:**

Cory Moore, Ingram Barge Corporation

**Data Scientist of the Year:**

Edmund Jackson, HCA Healthcare

**Diversity and Inclusion Initiative of the Year:**

Asurion

**Diversity and Inclusion Advocate of the Year:**

Amy Harris, MTSU

**Emerging Leader of the Year:**

Austin Dirks, GreenLight Medical

**Infrastructure Leader of the Year:**

Billy Thurman, Ingram Barge Company

**Innovator of the Year:**

Kathleen Ongena, RDR Wellness Inc

**Security Leader of the Year:**

Curtis Clan, State of Tennessee

**Software Developer of the Year:**

Shree Mijarguttu, BOS Framework, Inc

**Team of the Year:**

L3 Harris ForceX

**Technology Company of the Year:**

Tractor Supply Company

**Tech Start Up of the Year:**

Healing Innovations

**Technology Educator of the Year:**

Richard Greene

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Thank you to the following organizations for sponsoring this year's NTC Awards:

<b>Asurion</b>	Software Engineer of the Year
<b>Dell</b>	Technology Company of the Year
<b>MTSU + Vanderbilt University</b>	Technology Educator of the Year
<b>Red Hat</b>	Data Scientist of the Year
<b>Nissan</b>	Technology Team of the Year
<b>Veristor</b>	CIO of the Year
<b>Vaco</b>	CTO of the Year
<b>Microsoft</b>	Security Leader of the Year
<b>Tierpoint</b>	Innovator of the Year
<b>HCA Healthcare</b>	Community Leader of the Year
<b>CSpire</b>	Emerging Leader of the Year
<b>AllianceBernstein</b>	Infrastructure Engineer of the Year
<b>Comcast</b>	Technology Start-Up of the Year
<b>Deloitte</b>	Diversity and Inclusion Advocate of the Year
<b>Splunk</b>	Diversity and Inclusion Initiative of the Year
<b>Invest in Northern Ireland</b>	Cocktail Sponsor
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<b>Oak Ridge Association Management Company</b>	Website Sponsor

The NTC Team worked with a dream team of organizations to produce the NTC Awards. The design of this year's NTC Awards guitars and logo was created by [Golden Spiral](#). Event production assistance provided by [Oak Ridge Association Management Company](#). The digital event program was produced by [Kaleb Gonyea](#). The amenities kits were provided by [Woodland Wine Merchant](#) and [Gospel of Cocktail](#). [Chef's Market](#) provided the catering. The virtual program was hosted and streamed via [Lunchpool](#). The on-site photographer was [Nathan Zucker](#). The in-person event for finalists and sponsors was hosted at [Stage Post Studios](#), and their video crew produced the live video webcast. And finally, [Push Focus](#) led the event's video production.

Special thanks to Lauren Henslee, Dominique Butts and the NTC Team.

More details about each award, its sponsor, and finalists can be found on the NTC Awards website, <http://NTCAwards.com>. Photos and [interviews with the winners will be made available here](#).

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### **About the Greater Nashville Technology Council**

The Greater Nashville Technology Council is the leading voice and advocate for Middle Tennessee's \$8 billion information technology ecosystem; and the 50,000 technology professionals who design, implement, manage, and safeguard the technology that powers our

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