Congratulations to the 2011 Tech Titan Recipients

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Eleven new Tech Titans were crowned and $11,000 was pledged for the MTBC STEM Partnership Fund at this year’s annual Tech Titans Gala, held Friday, August 26 at the Hilton Anatole Hotel near downtown Dallas. The gala is the MTBC’s premier event, recognizing and celebrating the most cutting-edge technology and the brightest talent emerging from the North Texas region.

About 700 people attended this year’s gala, and many were sporting a unique accessory – a green glow necklace. These necklaces were given to anyone who pledged to the STEM Partnership Fund. Tax-deductible donations to this fund will help the MTBC increase the talent pipeline for the high-tech industry and inspire more students to pursue careers in STEM fields. The MTBC has been working with local public schools since 1994 to make this happen, and this fund will enable the MTBC to expand its reach. The fund’s annual goal is $100,000 with 100 percent member participation. A live auction also was held to raise additional funds for the scholarship fund for Tech Titans of the Future.

Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings was a special guest at this year’s gala. He presented a proclamation signed by the mayors of cities in the DFW region represented by Tech Titan and FastTech companies, declaring August 26, 2011 Tech Day in North Texas. Cities included Arlington, Carrollton, Commerce, Coppell, Dallas, Denton, Fort Worth, Frisco, Garland, Irving, Lewisville, Little Elm, Plano, Richardson, and Rowlett.

“The technology industry plays a vital role in the economy of Dallas and the region” said Rawlings. “The technology companies represented in this room join those from around the region in creating great jobs for our residents, a tax base for our communities, and have developed the valuable technology hardware and software applications that are used by business and individuals in today’s fast paced world. It is great to see so many cities represented by Tech Titans and Fast Tech Award Companies.”

This year’s Tech Titans winners were selected from more than 100 nominees in 10 different award categories. Judges selected four finalists for each category, and the winners were announced at the gala. The 2011 Tech Titans are:

Hall of Fame Award
Jon Bayless
Sevin Rosen

Corporate CEO Award
Roger Linquist
MetroPCS

Emerging Company CEO Award
Jack Thompson
Tango Management Consulting, LLC

Corporate Horizon Award
Alcatel-Lucent

Emerging Company Horizon Award
Encore Vision

Technology Advocate Award
TECH Fort Worth

Technology Innovators Award
J.C. Chiao
Jenkins Garrett professor of electrical engineering, UT Arlington

Tech Adopter Award
BNSF Railway

Community Hero Award
Wanda Gass
Texas Instruments Fellow and DSP Architect

Titan of the Future Award – High School
Kim Wolff
Plano Senior High School
Titan of the Future Award – University
George A. Jeffrey
UTD NanoExplorers program, UT Dallas

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