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Individual Winners Announced for NC TECH Awards

RALEIGH, N.C. (October 8, 2018) – Individual winners for the [NC TECH Awards](#), North Carolina's only statewide technology awards program, have been announced by [NC TECH](#). This awards program recognizes companies, organizations and individuals for their achievement, innovation and leadership throughout the year.

After a nomination period earlier this summer, finalists and winners were chosen in a two-stage review process, led by the accounting firm [Cherry Bekaert](#), in partnership with an independent selection committee. The awards process culminates with the **NC TECH Awards Gala** on November 15, at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center in Durham, where nearly 800 leaders will gather to celebrate the tech sector and honor finalists in each category. Winners will be announced live that evening.

Individual award winners are listed below. The list can also be viewed on the [NC TECH Awards event page](#).

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- **Beacon Award (Outstanding Achievement):** [Bob Young](#); Red Hat, Co-Founder and former CEO; Lulu, Founder and CEO; PrecisionHawk, Chairman; Needlepoint, CEO
 - **Chief Information Security Officer of the Year:** [Rick Chilton](#); Chief Information Security Officer - Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina
 - **Private Sector CIO of the Year:** [Gregory Turner](#), Head of IT – Siemens Charlotte Energy Hub
 - **Public Leader of the Year:** [Sen. Jeff Tarte](#), NC General Assembly – Chairman, Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology
 - **Public Sector CIO of the Year:** [Tracy Doaks](#), Chief Deputy State CIO , NC Department of IT
 - **Tech Educator of the Year:** [Casey Rimmer](#), Education Technology Leader, Union County Schools
 - **Tech Woman of the Year:** [Jennifer Hewit](#), Head of Cognitive and Digital Services - Credit Suisse
 - **Technology Executive of the Year:** [Greg Boone](#), President + CEO – iCiDIGITAL

“We have another great class of winners this year from across the state, so we expect an exciting evening celebrating North Carolina’s vibrant and growing tech sector,” said Brooks Raiford, President and CEO.

“Cherry Bekaert is proud to once again sponsor the premiere technology awards event in the State. We look forward to seeing the very best technology companies in the country come together in November to celebrate outstanding technology, cutting-edge innovation and inspiring emerging companies doing amazing things right here in North Carolina,” said Scott Duda, Managing Partner – Raleigh.

You can view a complete list of finalists and winners here, along with other information on the [NC TECH Awards](#) event page.

About NC TECH

The North Carolina Technology Association (NC TECH) is a not-for-profit, membership-driven trade association and the primary voice of the technology industry in North Carolina. NC TECH's mission is to foster growth and champion innovation in North Carolina's tech sector, while providing a voice for the tech community through professional networks, government affairs, talent development and sector promotion. For more information, visit our website at www.nctech.org.

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