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## **Eighth Annual TechNevada Honors Recognize Local Start-Ups, Entrepreneurs and Educators**

Awards presented by Technology Business Alliance of Nevada

**[LAS VEGAS, Nev.]** October 20, 2011 – Local technology and business executives recently gathered for the eighth annual TechNevada Honors awards dinner to recognize the companies and individuals leading Las Vegas' growing technology industry, helping to establish Las Vegas as not just a gaming mecca but a technology hub.

Presented by the [Technology Business Alliance of Nevada](#) (TBAN), the honorees represent a wide range of technology applications in a variety of industries, a lineup that mirrors the types of technology thriving in Southern Nevada. Event sponsors included the Las Vegas Business Press, Zappos, Crescent Solutions, Century Link, Cox Business, LINQ360 and Robert Half Technology.

One hundred people attended the event held at the Springs Preserve on October 19. The common theme throughout the night was that of positive changes felt in the technology community and a drive to bring more technology companies to Las Vegas.

"People are coming together like never before to help tech start-ups succeed," said Mike Yoder, Interim President of TBAN and Chief Operating Officer of WinTech LLC. "If we can help even one company become successful, it elevates all of us in the technology industry. We hope that TBAN can help bring the business and investor relations side of the equation to the table to benefit the companies we are seeing traction from in the past six to twelve months."

Several of the companies honored fit this description. One winner was Scott Garrison of [LINQ360 Innovation Center](#), recognized as Tech Entrepreneur of the Year. LINQ360 is designed to bring together thought-leaders from all types of hospitality technology. Garrison, now with twenty companies associated with LINQ360, is working closely with the Nevada Development Authority (NDA) to bring more technology companies to Nevada.

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Another honoree who also has a tie to the NDA is [Walls360](#), winner of the Technology Transplant of the Year award. Walls360 designs and creates repositionable, self-adhesive wall art. They worked with the NDA during their relocation process and they also designed the logo for the NDA's "Yes Vegas" campaign. Though they have only been in town less than two months, Walls360 has already hired ten new employees from Nevada's workforce.

The 2011 Nominees and Winners included:

**2011 Hall of Fame Inductee**

Dr. Warren Hioki, College of Southern Nevada

Nominee: Mark Wayman

**CIO of the Year**

Sun Chan Moon, Brady Industries

Nominees: Bob Weaver, Southwest Gas and Bob Schaich, United Health Care

**Technology Start Up of the Year**

HealthCareScene.com

Nominee: iAd Media

**Tech Company Transplant of the Year**

Walls360

Nominee: US Micro Corp

**Technology Educator of the Year**

Dr. Rama Venkat, UNLV College of Engineering

Nominee: Dr. Janet Runge, UNLV College of Business

**Technology Entrepreneur of the Year**

Scott Garrison, LINQ360 Innovation Center

Nominees: John Lynn, Crash Utah and Jeff Grace, Net Effect

**Technology Company of the Year**

Shift4

Nominees: Link Technology and Cantor Gaming

### **Most Promising Early Stage Start-Up**

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Nominees: Tracky and stikki.me

### **Green Tech Company of the Year**

K2 Energy Solutions

Nominees: Regional Transportation Commission and US Micro Corp

Biographical information for each award recipient and a copy of the event program is available by contacting Shannon Hiller at [shiller@pbt.com](mailto:shiller@pbt.com).

### **About TBAN**

The Technology Business Alliance of Nevada is proactively fostering high-tech growth in Nevada. We are dedicated to assisting high-tech start-ups in finding the talent, customers and financing needed to be successful. Our community is continually diversifying and becoming more technology-centered. Together we are dedicated to ensuring the advancement of the local technology community. For more information, visit [www.tban.us](http://www.tban.us).

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