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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

***U.S. Senator Mark Warner Announces 2009 TechNite Award Nominees***

*Winners will be recognized during the TechNite Awards Banquet on May 21st*

**Roanoke, Va., April 15, 2009** – Signaling the growing stature of the NewVa Region's technology community, U.S. Senator Mark Warner joined local industry leaders here this morning to announce the nominees for this year's NewVa Corridor Technology Council (NCTC) TechNite Awards.

Winners in five categories – Rising Star, Entrepreneur, NewVa Leadership, Innovation, and Educator – will be recognized at the TechNite Awards Banquet on May 21 at The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center.

Senator Warner, the Governor of Virginia from 2002-2006 after 20 years as a business leader in the high-tech industry, spoke at Metamorphosis and announced the following nominees:

**Rising Star Award**

This award recognizes a local technology company whose "star is rising." It may not be a household name yet, but it could soon be another local success story in the NewVa Region.

- [88Owls](#)
- [Aegisound / Adaptive Technologies](#)
- [ADMMicro](#)
- [Design Marketing/Performance Link](#)
- [FITnoke](#)
- [Inorganic Ventures](#)
- [Koofers](#)
- [Librato](#)
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### **Entrepreneur Award**

Entrepreneurs are a different breed. Sometimes it takes nerves of steel to blaze a new path. This award recognizes someone in our community who exemplifies what it means to be a risk-taker in the technology field.

- Kevin Bloomfield, [NetVentures](#)
- Anne Giles Clelland, [Handshake 2.0](#)
- M. Tyson Daniel, Esq., [LimbGear](#)
- Jonathan Hagmaier, [Interactive Achievement](#)
- James Rancourt, [Polymer Solutions](#)
- Dan Sable, [VPT](#)
- Tracy Wilkins, [TechLab](#)

### **NewVa Leadership Award**

This award recognizes one of our own who not only succeeds in the workplace, but also leads by example by contributing significantly to the community in which we live.

- Stanley Breakell, [Breakell](#)
- Bev Fitzpatrick, [Virginia Museum of Transportation](#)
- Jim Flowers, [VT KnowledgeWorks](#)
- Stuart Mease, [City of Roanoke](#)
- Andre A. Muelenaer, Jr., M.D., [Carilion](#)
- Dan Smith, [Valley Business FRONT](#)
- Neil Wilkin, [Optical Cable Corporation](#)

### **Innovation Award**

This award recognizes an individual, a group of individuals, company, or other organization that sets the standard for thought leadership and innovation in their respective fields. By definition, they are doing something new or different, and they are doing it well. Their innovation represents a significant technological breakthrough or addresses a great market opportunity or both.

- [Attain](#)
- [CMR Institute](#)
- [EnergyWare](#)
- [ExperiED](#)
- [Interface AdvantageSystems](#)
- [Maxtena](#)
- [Moog Components Group](#)
- [Pixel Optics](#)
- [Qualtrax](#)
- [Wireless Medicare](#)
- [Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine](#)

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**Educator Award**

This award recognizes a K-12 educator in the NewVa Region that promotes math, science and/or use of technology in creative ways to transfer knowledge and help develop future technology leaders.

- Molly Bullington, [Burton Center for Arts and Technology](#)
- Michael Collver, [Montgomery County Public Schools](#)
- Dr. Kurt Grosshans, [Montgomery County Public Schools](#)
- Rebecca Hertling, [Montgomery County Public Schools](#)
- Cathy Huffman, [The Gereau Center for Applied Technology & Career Exploration](#)
- Nancy McCrickard, [Science Museum of Western Virginia](#)
- Stuart Rawlings, [Cave Spring Middle School](#)
- Kim Williams, [Roanoke City Public Schools](#)
- Georgette Yakman, [Pulaski County High School](#)

TechNite is an annual celebration of the NewVa Region's technology community, providing an opportunity to network with more than 300 leaders in business and innovation. This year's Master of Ceremonies will be Peter Jobse, President and CEO of the Center for Innovative Technology.

**TechNite event information**

May 21, 2009

5:30 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner & Awards Ceremony

The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center

Business attire. Seating is limited. [Please RSVP by May 1st.](#)

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