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17th annual RBTC TechNite awards ceremony winners announced

Roanoke, Virginia, April 23, 2016: The Roanoke-Blacksburg Technology Council was pleased to honor a talented group of companies and individuals at its annual TechNite awards banquet, which was held at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center on April 22, 2016.

Nominations were accepted for six awards: STEM-H Educator, Entrepreneur, Innovator, Regional Leadership, and Rising Star. Nominees were narrowed down to groups of ten finalists in each category and then a confidential committee of RBTC members chose award winners. The committee was also charged with naming the nominees for the People's Choice Award, as well as the nominees and winner of the Ruby Award, which recognizes a brilliant and valuable asset to the Roanoke-Blacksburg region.

The RBTC was honored to present the following awards:

STEM Educator: Dr. Nancy Boerth (Montgomery County Public Schools), Shawn Burns (Roanoke County Public Schools)
Entrepreneur: Nanci Hardwick, Aeroprobe Corporation
Innovator: Synthonics, Inc.
Regional Leadership: Marty Muscatello, Foxguard Solutions/Qualtrax
Rising Star: Industrial Biodynamics
Ruby Award: Dr. Robert Sandel, Virginia Western Community College

The RBTC also inducted a new member into its Technology Hall of Fame during the event: Dr. Joe Meredith, former RBTC President, and current President and CEO of Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center.

TechNite is an annual celebration of the Roanoke - Blacksburg region's technology community. The event featured Anthony Quinn Robinson, Director of Marketing for NewCity Media, Inc., as the Master of Ceremonies and special guest speaker Jonathan Hagmaier, local entrepreneur and long-time supporter of the RBTC.

After the awards were presented, attendees were invited to attend an after party held at the Center in the Square atrium and Pinball Museum.

More information from TechNite 2016 can be found online at http://www.RBTCTechNite.com.

ABOUT THE ROANOKE - BLACKSBURG TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (RBTC)
The Roanoke - Blacksburg Technology Council is a non-profit, member-driven association of businesses and organizations in the greater Roanoke - Blacksburg region, working together to promote the growth and success of the region's technology sector. Its membership includes more than 250 organizations. The RBTC is the leading resource for the region's growth and success. It exists to connect and unite the region's technology community, develop and educate thought-leaders, mentors, and the technology workforce, and improve access to talent. To learn more, please visit **http://www.rbtc.tech**.

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