



Technology - Lighting Our Path Toward the Future; NJTC Honors New Jersey's Best at the 2004 Gala Awards

EAST BRUNSWICK, N.J., Nov. 12 /PRNewswire/ -- The New Jersey Technology Council honored the recipients of its annual NJTC Gala Awards at a black tie ceremony and dinner held at the Hilton East Brunswick.

Maxine Ballen, president and founder of the NJTC welcomed more than 550 to the Gala, the premier event for New Jersey's technology community. The Gala honors companies and individuals in 13 categories. The NJTC Awards Gala was founded in 1996 to publicly recognize and celebrate some of New Jersey's most successful companies. The event is hosted by the NJTC with support from several key sponsors.

This year's winners range from start-up companies to multi-national firms. Verizon New Jersey was awarded the "Master Technology Company of the Year" award, Congressman Rush Holt received the "Legislative Advocate for Technology Award," and Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, received the "Excellence in Technology Education Award."

"All of our award winners have distinguished themselves as both technology and business leaders," said Ballen. "We couldn't be prouder of our members who continue to grow their companies and wow us with their accomplishments and innovations."

Master Technology Company of the Year
Verizon

Private Company of the Year
Vonage

Public Company of the Year
Universal Display Corporation

Early Stage Company of the Year
PTC Therapeutics, Inc.

Growth Company of the Year
dotPhoto

Large Company of the Year
Virgin Mobile USA

John H. Martinson Technology Supporter Award
Philip H. Politziner, CPA
President, Amper, Politziner & Mattia

Legislative Advocate for Technology Award
U.S. Congressman Rush Holt

Excellence in Technology Education Award
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Software/Information Technology Company of the Year
Skila, a Sela 2 Company

Life Sciences Company of the Year
Barrier Therapeutics, Inc.

Communications Company of the Year
Arbinet



Electronics Company of the Year
Ocean Power Technologies, Inc.

About The NJTC

The New Jersey Technology Council provides business support, networking opportunities, information, advocacy and recognition of technology companies and their leaders. Founded in 1996, NJTC's more than 1,200 member companies work together to support their own enterprises while advancing New Jersey's status as a leading technology center in the United States. For more information on the NJTC, please visit <http://www.njtc.org>.