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**NASHVILLE TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES
2009 TECHNOLOGY AWARD FINALISTS**

XO Communications Named as Platinum Sponsor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – September 22, 2009– The [Nashville Technology Council](http://www.technologycouncil.com) today announced the finalists for the 2009 “Feel the Beat” Technology Awards. The awards recognize those individuals and companies whose success has helped grow Nashville and the surrounding areas into a hub for technology. The event will highlight outstanding achievements from the 2008-2009 year.

The winners for the awards will be announced at the “Feel the Beat” Technology Awards Gala on October 27th from 5:30pm – 8:00pm at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center.

The 2009 Finalists are:

Technology Organization of the Year – Sponsored by [XO Communications](#)

- HCA
- Lipscomb University
- Fisk University
- Belmont University
- Credence Healthcare
- EMMA
- MoonToast
- Community Health Systems
- PureSafety
- Metro Nashville Airport
- Women in Technology of TN
- Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz
- EDS an HP Company
- Permanent General
- Nissan
- NovaCopy
- edo Interactive

CIO of the Year – Sponsored by [KPMG](#)

- Noel Williams, HCA
- Gary Seay, CHS
- Sameer Bhargava, PureSafety
- Vanessa Hickman, Metro Nashville Airport

Start-up Company of the Year – Sponsored by [Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC](#)

- MoonToast – Marcus Whitney
- Credence Healthcare – Justin Lanning

IT Student of the Year – Sponsored by [EDS an HP Company](#)

- David Sulpy, Lipscomb University
- Hank Carter, Belmont University
- J.A. Hayes – Ruffin, Fisk University

Volunteer of the Year – Sponsored by [HCA](#)

- Tracy Evers, Women in Technology of Tennessee
- Chris Beck, EDS
- Kent Fourman, Permanent General

The “Green” Award – Sponsored by [HealthSpring](#)

- Novacopy
- Nissan North America
- edo Interactive
- Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC
- MyEMMA

Innovator of the Year – Sponsored by [LBMC](#)

- Sal Novin, Linnaeus
- Cliff Duffey, Cybera
- Nicholas Holland, centresource
- Larry Wilson, Zycron
- Adam Solesby, StudioNow
- Clint Smith, MyEMMA

Social Media / Blogger of the Year

- Dave Delaney, Griffin Technology
- Kate O’Neill, [meta] marketer
- Rex Hammock, Hammock, Inc.

Lifetime Achievement – [ComFrame Software Corporation](#)

- David Condra, Dalcon Communications
- Jim Lackey, Passport Health
- Nicholas Holland, centresource

Software Programmer / Engineer of the Year

- Chip Hayner, centre{source}
- Thomas Holland, O’Charley’s

The cost to attend is \$75 per person or a table of eight is \$525. [Click here for registration information](#)
(<http://www.technologycouncil.com/2009/08/17/october-27th-feel-the-beat-technology-awards-gala/>)

About the Nashville Technology Council

The Nashville Technology Council, an affiliate of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, is an exclusive, 501(c)(6) not-for-profit organization devoted to helping the Middle Tennessee technology community succeed. Membership is open to technology companies, technology employers, service providers, educational institutions, and non-profit companies interested in supporting the growth of technology business in Middle Tennessee.

Since its formation in 1999, membership has grown to more than 388 organizations. New programs and events such as technology roundtables, educational initiatives, annual technology conferences, a technology job board and other activities are designed to foster Nashville’s technology industry.

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