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2017 Tech10 Awards: Call for Nominations, Applications

Tech Collective announces the launch of its 2017 Tech10 Awards in partnership with Rhode Island Monthly – featuring new categories honoring Rhode Island’s most innovative individuals and companies.

Nominate and apply at www.tech10awards.com. Deadline: Monday, August 14th.

Providence, RI – June 12, 2017 – Tech Collective, Rhode Island’s industry association for technology, in partnership with *Rhode Island Monthly*, announced today it is accepting nominations and applications for its 2017 Tech10 Awards program. This is the program’s seventh year and the third year it will be run in partnership with *Rhode Island Monthly*. Established in 2010, Tech10 is an opportunity for Rhode Island’s business and technology community to nominate its exceptional champions, employees, colleagues, clients, and partners.

This year’s Tech10 will not only recognize Rhode Island’s best and brightest entrepreneurs and IT practitioners, it will also showcase the amazing individuals and organizations driving innovation, education, and growth across the state’s technology ecosystem at large. This year’s program will allow applicants to apply in multiple categories; and multiple winners per category.

Tech10 Categories:

1. Entrepreneurship / Startups
2. Techies to Watch
3. Tech Leadership
4. Intrapreneurs
5. Community Partner
6. Youth Engagement
7. Tech Educator
8. Workforce Development Champion
9. Women in Tech
10. Company Innovation

Individuals can apply for the awards themselves or submit nominations or applications for colleagues, employees, clients, partners, etc. at www.tech10awards.com. The deadline for applications is Monday, August 14th. The 2017 Tech10 Award recipients will be selected by a judging committee of industry professionals. They will be showcased in the November issue of *Rhode Island Monthly* magazine and honored at an awards celebration to be held in mid-November.

“As an evolving media world embraces convergence and multi-platform providers of information, we are keenly aware of the role technology will play not only in our business but in the lives of all Rhode Islanders”, according to Rhode Island Monthly publisher John Palumbo. “As a media entity that provides an ongoing view of life in Rhode Island for the past twenty-eight years, this partnership is fitting to bring much needed exposure to the professionals who are involved in so many levels of technology development.”

“We are excited to be partnering with Rhode Island Monthly for the seventh year of the Tech 10 awards,” said John Smithers, CEO of Tech Collective. “For the past 6 years, Tech10 recognized individuals for their technical expertise and for growing the tech community in Rhode Island. The 2017 Tech10 Award program celebrates the variety of efforts and contributors driving RI’s innovative technologies. In conjunction with RI Monthly and the sponsors we look forward to honoring the 2017 Tech10 Award winners!”

In addition to the 10 award categories, an additional award will be presented by Cox Business. The Next Tech Generation Award, will be given to an individual who is leading their company forward in the field of technology. This individual, chosen by the leadership of Rhode Island’s largest tech driven companies, is recognized for their important contribution as a future leader in the industry. For more information on this award, contact: Amanda Roman at aroman@tech-collective.org.

Nominate, apply, and learn more at www.tech10awards.com, or by following Tech10 on twitter with hashtag [#Tech10RI](https://twitter.com/Tech10RI). To view *Rhode Island Monthly’s* coverage of last year’s Tech10 winners and event, go to www.rimonthly.com.

The 2017 Tech10 Awards are sponsored by Cox Business and Amica Insurance. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Kieran Keating at kkeating@rimonthly.com.

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Tech Collective is Rhode Island’s Technology Industry Association, fostering the growth of innovation and economic development in Rhode Island’s technology industry and workforce. Collaborating with technology professionals, government, industry and academic partners, Tech Collective programs directly impact Rhode Island. Since its transition from the Rhode Island Technology Council (RITEC) in 2004, Tech Collective has received more than \$12M in federal, state, and private grant funding.

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