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RBTC announces nominees for annual TechNite awards ceremony**

*Roanoke, Virginia, April 20, 2018:* The Roanoke-Blacksburg Technology Council is pleased to announce the nominees for its 19<sup>th</sup> annual TechNite awards banquet, to be held at the Inn at Virginia Tech & Skelton Conference Center on May 3, 2018.

Nominations have been accepted for awards in seven categories: Company of the Year, Entrepreneur, Innovator, Go-To-Geek, Regional Leadership, Rising Star, and STEM-H Educator. A new award category has been added for the 2018 year which has been deemed the Regional Connector award. Several dozen excellent candidates were nominated for the awards (*a list of the nominees and finalists for each category has been attached in a separate document*).

A classified committee of RBTC members narrowed finalists for each award. The representatives were also charged with naming the nominees for two additional awards, the Ruby Award and the Hall of Fame Award which will be announced at the event.

TechNite is an annual celebration of the Roanoke-Blacksburg region's technology community. With the historical change of venue and our Guest Speaker, Senator Mark Warner, we anticipate that this event will sell out.

More information can be found online at <https://rbtc.tech/technite>.

**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 community, develop and educate thought-leaders, mentors and the technology workforce, and improve access to talent. To learn more, please visit <https://rbtc.tech>.

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