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ANNOUNCING 2021 INNOVISION AWARD FINALISTS

The InnoVision Awards Board of Directors is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2021 InnoVision Awards. This year's finalists include both large and small organizations, representing an array of industries, from the upstate to the coast – a true reflection of South Carolina's robust innovation economy.

InnoVision Awards honor South Carolina individuals and organizations for impactful innovations under development in South Carolina within the last 18 months. The annual awards are the mark of distinction for the many organizations, individuals, educators and leaders who have been honored over the 23-year history of the InnoVision Awards.

The 2021 finalists in the six award categories are:

Technology Development

ArchCath LLC (Awendaw)
Elastrin Therapeutics Inc. (Simpsonville)
FRD Accel, LLC (Charleston)

Community Service

Advoco (Greenville)
Camp Happy Days (Charleston)
United Way of the Piedmont (Spartanburg)

Small Enterprise

Aconabolics LLC (Greenville)
Mia Nipple System LLC (Travelers Rest)
Veterans ASCEND (Simpsonville)

Education

Early College High School, Charleston County School District (Charleston)
IT-oLogy (Columbia)
SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities (Greenville)

Technology Integration

Diversey Holdings Ltd. (Fort Mill)
PunchList USA (Charleston)
QuicksortRx Inc (Charleston)

Sustainability

Clemson Composites Center (Greenville)
Ingevity (North Charleston)
University of South Carolina (Columbia)

All finalists will be recognized during the InnoVision Meet the Finalists (MTF) Series sponsored by the South Carolina Research Authority. The **2021 MTF Series** will be held virtually at 4 PM on three consecutive Tuesdays: **September 28, October 5 and October 12**. Each MTF reception will feature finalists in two award categories. They are open to the public and are free to those who register in advance.

InnoVision's annual awards program will culminate with the **Annual Awards Celebration on November 9th**. The Awards Celebration will showcase each finalist's innovation with a video profile, announce the winner in each award category, and present two special awards: The Ibrahim Janajreh Young Innovator Award and the Dr. Charles Townes Individual Achievement Award.

In 2020, the virtual Awards Celebration attracted more than 500 viewers from across the country and several international locations. The Meet the Finalists Series and the Awards Celebration event are open to those who register in advance. You may sign up to receive an invitation and notification at www.innovisionawards.org.

About InnoVision Awards

InnoVision, founded in 1999, is a grass-roots, volunteer-led non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of innovation and technology in South Carolina. Through its Annual Awards Celebration, InnoVision recognizes and honors South Carolina businesses, individuals and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding advancements in these areas. InnoVision also highlights innovative achievements through daily posts on the InnoVision Awards LinkedIn page and a weekly Spotlight on Innovation newsletter. InnoVision Forums held throughout the year provide opportunities for peers to learn about key advancements, innovation and leading edge technologies from other innovators.