



Connecticut Technology Council Announces 53 Finalists for Eighth Annual Women of Innovation® Awards

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Women leaders in technology, science and engineering to be honored March 1st, Dr. Alicia Abella of AT&T Labs to keynote awards ceremony

The Connecticut Technology Council (CTC) today announced 53 finalists for the eighth annual Women of Innovation® Awards Program. The program recognizes women across Connecticut – those in the workforce and students – who are innovators, role models and leaders in the fields of science, engineering and technology.

A winner in each of the eight awards categories will be announced during the Women of Innovation® Awards Dinner at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington on March 1, 2012.

The complete list of 2012 Women of Innovation® awards finalists is posted on the CTC website, www.ct.org. Ticket purchases and registration for the 2012 event may be handled online through the CTC website.

Finalists were nominated by their peers and selected based on their professional experience, history of innovation, ability to think creatively and solve problems, and demonstration of leadership. Students were judged on inventiveness, accomplishment in science and technology, and academic achievement.

“Our 2012 finalists represent an outstanding group of women who are excelling in their careers in technology,” said Beth Alquist, planning committee chair for the Women of Innovation® Awards Program. “These women are extraordinary and outstanding contributors to their

professions, to their employers, and in many cases to their communities.”

This year’s list of 53 finalists includes researchers, educators, engineers, managers, and entrepreneurs who work in biotech, pharmaceuticals, software, computer hardware, advanced materials, medical devices, and Information technology.

High school, undergraduate and graduate students who have demonstrated extraordinary and unique achievements in their technology studies disciplines are also among the finalists. The winner in the Youth Innovation and Leadership category will receive a scholarship from Covidien Medical Devices.

The keynote speaker for the awards ceremony is Dr. Alicia Abella, executive director of the Innovative Services Research Department at AT&T Labs and chair of its Fellowship program. Dr. Abella manages a group of researchers specializing in data mining, user interfaces, IPTV, mobile services, SIP/VoIP technology, and environmental sustainability. Dr. Abella is also executive vice president for the Young Science Achievers program and a strong advocate of fostering the development of minorities and women in science and engineering.

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