Businesses, students win Innovation Awards

Annual local list showcases tech savvy

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Thirteen business leaders and two high-school students were honored by TechColumbus yesterday for their achievements in technology in its annual Innovation Awards program.

The categories and winners:

• Executive of the Year (fewer than 50 employees) — Alan Arman, founder and CEO, 3X Systems

• Executive of the Year (more than 50 employees) — David Blom, president and CEO of OhioHealth

• Green Innovation — Estech USA, for a system that produces electric power through a waste-management processing technology

• Innovation in Nonprofit Service Delivery — Edheads, which offers free educational activities to schools and families with Internet connections

• Inventor of the Year — Joseph Heremans, Ohio eminent scholar and professor, Mechanical Engineering and Physics Department at Ohio State University, for the invention of high-efficiency thermoelectric materials based on resonant levels

• Minority-Owned Business Enterprise — Moody Nolan Inc.

• Outstanding Product (fewer than 50 employees) — ClearSaleing

• Outstanding Product (more than 50 employees) — Veeam Software

• Outstanding Service (fewer than 50 employees) — Exacter Inc.

• Outstanding Service (more than 50 employees) — Progressive Medical Inc.

• Outstanding Startup Business — Exacter Inc.

• Outstanding Tech Team — Weigh in Motion Business Leader, Mettler-Toledo Inc.

• Outstanding Woman in Tech — Cheryl Herbert, president of Dublin Methodist Hospital

• High School Student — Alburuj Rahman, a Metro High School junior who with his mentors developed a new cranio-spinal irradiation method

• High School Student — Margaret Yatsko, a senior at Columbus School for Girls and co-captain of the robotics team

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