

# Celebration of Innovation

The Journal Record recognizes the year's best ideas

## 2008 Innovators of the Year

- Access Optics LLC, Broken Arrow.
- Allied Medical Membership, Bethany.
- Anautics Inc., Oklahoma City.
- The Eden Clinic, (formerly Care Net Pregnancy Center of Norman), Norman.
- The Children's Center, Bethany.
- Cox Communications, Oklahoma City.
- Delta Dental of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City.
- Department of Public Safety/Oklahoma Interactive (ok.gov), Oklahoma City.
- Design Intelligence Inc., Norman.
- eBastille LLC, Norman.
- Francis Tuttle Technology Center, Oklahoma City.
- Grape Ranch Winery, Okemah.
- Huntington Design Group, Oklahoma City.
- JK Autoimmunity Inc., Oklahoma City.
- Martin Bionics, Oklahoma City.
- MedEncentive, Oklahoma City.
- Norman Economic Development Coalition, Norman.
- Oklahoma Breast Care Center, Oklahoma City.
- Oklahoma City University, Meinders School of Business, Oklahoma City.
- Oklahoma State House of Representatives, Oklahoma City.
- Picture This! Ornaments, Oklahoma City.
- RTA Systems, Oklahoma City.
- Saints Medical Group, Oklahoma City.
- Shady Ladies LLC, dba Girls Gone Wine, Broken Bow.
- Skyline Media Group Inc., Oklahoma City.
- St. Anthony Hospital, Oklahoma City.
- Tulsa Community College, Tulsa.
- Tulsa Transit, Tulsa.
- U.S. Shooting Academy, Tulsa.
- University of Central Oklahoma Motor Pool, Edmond.
- University of Oklahoma, Norman.
- University of Oklahoma, Price College of Business, Norman.
- The University of Tulsa Institute of Information Security, Tulsa.
- USA 6x6 and Great Plains Technology Center, Lawton.
- Virtual Technology Services LLC, Midwest City.
- WeddingDayBouquet.com, Edmond.

## 'On the Brink' recipients

- Altheus Therapeutics, Oklahoma City.
- Charlesson LLC, Oklahoma City.
- ScriptFOLIO LLC, Oklahoma City.

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OKLAHOMA CITY – Thirty-six entities representing various industries including education, health care, aerospace and environmental, just to name a few, will receive special recognition at *The Journal Record's* annual celebration of business innovation set for March 13 in downtown Oklahoma City.

In addition, three companies will receive On the Brink awards for promising new products and services at this year's event at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel.

A Creativity Award, added to the program last year, will also be presented.

This year's recipient of the Creativity Award will be Oklahoma A+ Schools for its network of 45 public and private schools committed to changing school environments around creative thinking and innovation.

W. Arthur "Skip" Porter, the founding director of the Center for the Creation of Economic Wealth at the University of Oklahoma and winner of the overall 2007 *Journal Record* Innovator of the Year, will deliver the keynote speech at this year's event.

Porter lives in Austin, Texas, and works with Emergent Technologies Inc. He also is regents professor emeritus of engineering for OU and chairman of the board of SouthWest NanoTechnologies Inc.

He has been instrumental in helping the Norman university spin off more than 30 startup companies that have generated nearly \$12 million in revenue.

"*The Journal Record's* Innovator of the Year program has been honoring Oklahoma ingenuity for eleven years. This program allows us to recognize businesses, organizations and individuals who embrace the entrepreneurial spirit that makes Oklahoma such a special place to live and work," said Mary Mélon, publisher of *The Journal Record*. "Our honorees over the years have developed products and services that have grown our communities and put us on the map both nationally and interna-

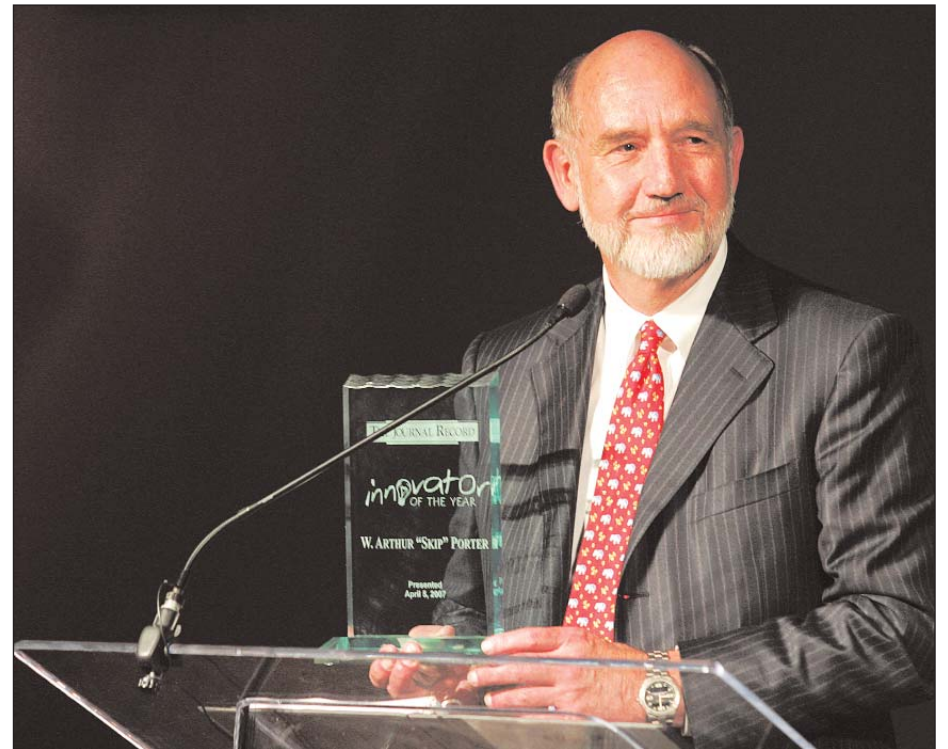


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*The Journal Record's* 2007 Innovator of the Year W. Arthur "Skip" Porter addresses the audience at the awards dinner. This year's event is March 13 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City.

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"Adding the Creativity Award last year has given the program another dimension and brings much-deserved focus on The Creativity Project, which is a progressive program designed to capture and promote creativity in Oklahoma."

An overall winner will be announced from the 36 innovators at the banquet. These innovators, along with the winners of "On the Brink" awards and the Creativity Award honoree, will be profiled in the *Innovator of the Year* magazine to be published March 14.

Sponsors of the 2008 *Journal Record* Innovator of the Year Awards are Coppermark Bank, Crowe & Dunlevy, Ernst & Young, Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science & Technology, i2E, Ballyhoo and The State Chamber.

Tickets for the banquet are \$100. Corporate tables are available for \$2,000 and include a table for 10, advertising, preferred seating and recognition. Tables for 10 are \$1,000. Information on tickets and sponsorships is available from Sunny Cearley at (405) 278-2820 or sunny.cearley@journalrecord.com.

In 2007, the 30 Innovator of the Year awards and 19 "On the Brink" awards honored companies and individuals from a variety of industries including agriculture, education, construction, real estate, energy, health care, technology and software development, government as well as the service and non-profit sectors.

Almost 400 people attended the awards ceremony last year.



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