

ConnectKentucky Hosts Tech Day in Kentucky to Honor Technology in the Commonwealth



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Governor Steve Beshear proclaims February 24, 2009 Tech Day in Kentucky to recognize the leading role of technology in Kentucky's economic development

FRANKFORT, KY – Engaging technology leaders from across the Commonwealth, ConnectKentucky hosted a full day of events to recognize Kentucky's technology progress and status as a leading broadband state. Throughout the day, roundtables addressed the value of technology to multiple sectors including telework, healthcare, digital citizenship, and education. The roundtables featured the state's technology leaders in the respective sectors.

"Kentucky's technological advancements and breakthroughs are at the forefront of today's national discussion; it is only logical that we come together to recognize our efforts and successes in technology," according to Rene True, executive director of ConnectKentucky. "Tech Day in Kentucky is one day to recognize a year's worth of efforts."

ConnectKentucky's efforts in the broadband landscape of the Commonwealth is leading the way for other states interested in taking advantage of funding for broadband expansion set forth in the federal stimulus plan. ConnectKentucky has emerged as the model other states are looking to for direction on increasing broadband availability, adoption and awareness.

As part of Tech Day in Kentucky, four individuals and businesses were also recognized with the 2009 ConnectKentucky Technology Awards. The awards recognize unmatched success with regard to technology among secondary and postsecondary students as well as business and industry. Winners include:

- Dakota Vincent, a 17-year-old at Cumberland County High School, for the 2009 Secondary Student Technology Award.
- Bradley Stephens, a technology student from Northern Kentucky University's College of Informatics, for the 2009 Postsecondary Student Technology Award.
- TiER1 Performance Solutions in Covington for the 2009 Small Business Technology Award.
- The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce for the 2009 Corporate Citizenship Technology Award.

For more about the 2009 Governor's Technology Awards or technology policy in Kentucky, contact ConnectKentucky or visit www.connectkentucky.org.

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About ConnectKentucky: ConnectKentucky is leading the way into a new economy for Kentuckians. As an independent technology-based economic development organization, ConnectKentucky works to ensure that Kentucky remains the place of choice to live, work and raise

a family. ConnectKentucky is an alliance of technology-minded businesses, government entities and universities working together to accelerate technology in the Commonwealth.

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