



Commonwealth's Tech Leaders to be Honored Nov. 13 at Annual Tech Day

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*Annual Tech Day honors students, businesses, schools,
and organizations bridging the digital divide*

Frankfort, KY— [ConnectKentucky](http://ConnectKentucky.com), marking its 10th anniversary, will again honor the Commonwealth's technology leaders at its 2012 Tech Day on November 13, 2012. The 6th annual awards will be presented at The George and Ellen Rieveschl Digitorium in Griffin Hall at Northern Kentucky University.

Tech Day is an opportunity to better understand and promote the benefits of broadband technology in our government, schools, healthcare facilities, libraries, businesses, communities, and homes. Prominent technology speakers and advocates provide current views on technology use and updates on broadband initiatives at both the state and national level. As part of Tech Day, an awards presentation recognizes businesses, students, educational institutions, and government agencies that are making a difference in advancing broadband technologies in the Commonwealth.

Among those attending and speaking at the event will be **Brian Mefford**, Chairman of the Board, Connected Nation; **David Couch**, Associate Commissioner of Knowledge, Information & Data Services, Kentucky Department of Education; **René True**, Executive Director, ConnectKentucky; **Al Lind**, Vice President for Technology and eLearning, Council on Postsecondary Education; **Nancy Carpenter**, Sr. Director of Education, Kentucky Educational Television; **Brian Kiser**, Executive Director, Commonwealth Office of Broadband Outreach & Development; **Julia Roberts**, Director for Center for Gifted Studies, Western Kentucky University; **Hunter Bates**, President & General Counsel, Bates Capitol Group; **Phillip Brown**, Director of Government Affairs and Advocacy, Connected Nation; **Dean Kevin Kirby**, College of Informatics, Northern Kentucky University.

ConnectKentucky will also be handing out awards in the following categories:

- **Small Business Technology Award** goes to a small business that has successfully used broadband technology to broaden its customer reach and provide a positive example of technology use and capabilities in the Commonwealth.
- **Large Business Technology Award** goes to a large business that has successfully used broadband technology to broaden its customer reach and act as a leader in technology use in the Commonwealth.
- **New and Emerging Business Technology Award** goes to a start-up business that has successfully used broadband technology as a vehicle for growth and has acted as a model for other emerging Kentucky businesses.
- **Secondary Student Technology Award** goes to a Kentucky high school student who has recognized the benefits of using broadband technology and promotes and implements its use in creative and inspiring ways.
- **Postsecondary Student Technology Award** goes to a Kentucky college student who has recognized the benefits of using broadband technology and promotes and implements its use in creative and inspiring ways.
- **School District Technology Award** goes to a Kentucky school district that has successfully used broadband technology to enhance the educational capacity of its institutions as well as inform students and parents of the value of broadband adoption.
- **Postsecondary Institution Technology Award** goes to a Kentucky postsecondary institution that has successfully used broadband technology to enhance its educational capacity as well as provide students with an improved educational experience using broadband technology.
- **Government Leadership in Technology Award** goes to a state or local government that has utilized broadband technology to improve effectiveness and efficiency in areas such as budgeting and service delivery.

More information is available about the Tech Day agenda and online registration at www.connectkentucky.org.

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About ConnectKentucky: ConnectKentucky, a subsidiary of the national non-profit [Connected Nation](#), 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.