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Pipeline celebrates winners at The Innovators, unveils next class

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Pipeline Inc. held its annual entrepreneurial awards gala called The Innovators on Friday evening, which honored current members and introduced the next class of entrepreneurs.

For the first time, the entrepreneurial fellowship organization held The Innovators in Omaha instead of Kansas City as part of a plan to rotate the event among different different regional cities to better reflect its entrepreneurial reach.

Andrew Barnell, co-founder and CEO of St. Louis-based Geneoscopy, received the Innovator of the Year, which is based on three components: performance during the fellowship year; scores from the fellows' retooled business plans post-Pipeline modules; and scores from the pitch presentations. Barnell's company is developing a noninvasive, preventive screening test to improve colorectal cancer screening compliance and reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with this type of cancer.

Other award winners are:

Entrepreneurial Legacy Award: Jim Linder, CEO of health network Nebraska Medicine

Pipeline Entrepreneur (Member) Growth Award: Paul Jarrett, co-founder and CEO of Lincoln-based Bulu, which builds private label subscription box businesses

Pipeline Entrepreneur (Member) Inspiration: Brian Handrigan, co-founder and CEO of St. Louis-based Advocado, which offers analytics and call tracking solutions for advertisers; and Aaron McKee, founder and CEO of Manhattan-based full-service auction company Purple Wave Auction

Pipeline also announced its 2019 class of fellows, which include several in the Kansas City area. To be accepted into the program, the fellows participated in an intensive application and interview process.



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Pipeline Inc. reveals its 2019 class of fellows during The Innovators event Friday evening.

Only about a dozen entrepreneurs are accepted annually into the yearlong business development program that includes workshops, mentorship and networking among Pipeline members.

The 2019 fellows are:

Bek Abdullayev, founder and CEO of Kansas City-based Super Dispatch

Anis Dayya, co-founder and CEO of Kansas City-based Earmicro/PiEARcings

Liderman Duin, founder of Kansas City-based Bluepoint2

Jeff Dunn, co-founder and CEO of Olathe-based Redivus Health

Michael Fry, co-founder and CEO of Kansas City-based Brown Button Estate Sales

Donald Hawkins, founder and CEO of Kansas City-based CitySmart

Ramsey Jamoul, CEO of Wichita-based Midwest eSports

William Payne, co-founder of Omaha-based Simple Vet Solutions

Heather Spalding, founder and CEO of Cambrian, based in Kansas City, Kan.

Spencer Toder, co-founder of St. Louis-based Atrial Innovations

Tammie Wahaus, founder and CEO of Olathe-based Elias Animal Health

Steven Werner, co-founder and CEO of Wichita-based Lawn Buddy

Lizz Whitacre, founder and CEO of Lincoln-based Pawlytics

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