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### AT&T tabbed for technology innovation award

**L.A. Lorek EXPRESS-NEWS BUSINESS WRITER**

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It's time to reward innovation in San Antonio's technology community. The San Antonio Technology Accelerator Initiative Network, known as SATAI, is presenting AT&T Inc. with its Technology Hero Award today during its annual Stars of Innovation awards ceremony. The event will take place at the University of Incarnate Word's skyroom beginning at 6:30 p.m.

SATAI is recognizing AT&T for its team effort in creating the largest communications company on the planet here in San Antonio, said Jim Poage, president and CEO of SATAI. It also is recognizing the company for its innovative products such as the iPhone and U-Verse for television as well as the company's corporate philanthropy and commitment to San Antonio, he said.

SATAI Chairman Bruce Barshop said: "AT&T is a model for all the companies we're trying to develop in San Antonio. They have also been very supportive of the technology businesses we're trying to develop here."

In addition, SATAI plans to induct G.P. Singh, founder of Karta Technologies, into its Hall of Fame.

"He literally started Karta Technologies in his garage and grew it into a huge technology company with more than 400 employees," Poage said.

Last August, Singh sold Karta for \$64.8 million to Reston, Va.-based NCI Inc, a public company focused on military contracting.

Other new SATAI Hall of Famers includes Paul Castella, former president of CardioSpectra, which was sold to Volcano Corp. last December for \$25 million in cash and extra incentives that could add up to \$38 million more.

SATAI also will induct Dr. Todd Fruchterman, senior vice president and chief technology officer at Kinetic Concepts Inc.

"He has really transformed KCI," Poage said. "He put research and development in high gear at KCI."

SATAI also will give Technology Superstar awards to the Denim Group, MedSignals Corp. and Seno Medical Instruments Inc. During its Feb. 7 meeting this year, the City Council approved a \$400,000 grant to SATAI, a publicly and privately supported technology booster organization designed to foster local technology startups.

SATAI this week announced a new quarterly program called the SATAI New Venture Forum to help startup companies pursuing initial funding or seeking an Emerging Technology Fund grant from the state.

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SATAI's Stars

of Innovation Awards

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University of Incarnate Word, Skyroom at 847 E. Hildebrand Ave.

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Corrections

Reception begins today at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Contact:

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Cost:

\$175 for individual tickets

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