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THE ENTREPRENEUR CENTER @NVTC NAMES FINALISTS FOR NAVIGATOR AWARDS

MMV Financial's April Young to Receive Lifetime Navigator Award

HERNDON, Va., January 12, 2010 – The [Entrepreneur Center @NVTC](#), a resource for technology-focused start-ups and entrepreneurs, announced today the first Entrepreneur Navigator Awards finalists and the first lifetime achievement winner. This new program honors individuals and organizations that have mentored and advised entrepreneurs and startups in the Greater Washington region. The award recipients will be announced at a reception on January 20 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at The Tower Club in Tyson's Corner, Virginia.

The program is comprised of the Navigator Award, presented to an individual, and the Organization Navigator Award, presented to a company or organization that has raised the bar for mentoring/advising or otherwise helped improve the quality of the entrepreneur community. Finalists in each category include:

Navigator Award

- Jonathan Aberman, Amplifier
- Mike Lincoln, Cooley Goodward Kronish LLP
- Steve Meltzer, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

Organization Navigator Award

- George Mason University School of Management
- Mindshare
- TIE-DC

In addition, The [Entrepreneur Center @NVTC](#) will present the inaugural Lifetime Navigator Award to April Young, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, U.S., MMV Financial, in recognition of her years of leadership in the local entrepreneur community.

As an active member in the Northern Virginia business community, Young's experience has included Director of the Virginia Department of Economic Development, Senior Vice President of NVR Development and Executive Director of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. In addition, she is the co-founder of Mindshare, a regional collaboration designed to nurture a professional network of early stage technology and life science company CEOs.

"We applaud all the efforts of those individuals and organizations that have provided a positive impact on the region's entrepreneurs, making sure they have mentors and advisors they can turn to for advice and support," said Kristin D'Amore, Director, The Entrepreneur Center @NVTC. "We are also excited to present the lifetime achievement award to April Young, a pillar in the entrepreneur community for many years. This award recognizes her dedication to helping others achieve their goals and dreams of starting and running their own business. Without April, and others like her, the road to success would be a lot longer and harder to navigate."

To register for this event visit: <http://www.nvtc.org/events/geteventinfo.php?event=ECNAVAWDS1>

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About The Entrepreneur Center @NVTC

Created by the Northern Virginia Technology Council five years ago, the Entrepreneur Center @NVTC is a resource hub for technology-focused start-ups and entrepreneurs at every stage of their lifecycle. The Entrepreneur Center fosters entrepreneurship in students, mentors the first-time entrepreneur, advises and supports the experienced entrepreneur and facilitates strategic business relationships in the technology community. Visit <http://www.nvtc.org/tec/index.php>

About The Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC)

The Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC) is the membership and trade association for the technology community in Northern Virginia and is the largest technology council in the nation. NVTC has about 1,000 member companies representing more than 200,000 employees. Its membership includes companies from all sectors of the technology industry and the service providers that support these companies, as well as universities, foreign embassies, non-profit organizations and governmental agencies. NVTC is recognized as the nation's leader in providing its technology community with networking and educational events; specialized services and benefits; public policy advocacy; branding of its region as a major global technology center; initiatives in targeted business sectors and in the international, entrepreneurship, workforce and education arenas; the Equal Footing Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity that serves local area youth; and The Entrepreneur Center @NVTC which mentors new technology entrepreneurs. Visit NVTC at www.nvtc.org