

## **Press Release**

## **Announcement of 2022 InnoVision Awards Winners**

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## **InnoVision Awards Announces 2022 Award Winners**

InnoVision awards recognizes innovation in South Carolina annually through its InnoVision Awards program. The InnoVision finalists and winners reflect both the strength of the innovation economy in—and across—South Carolina After a month of *Meet the Finalists* virtual receptions, sponsored by the South Carolina Research Authority, InnoVision recognized the award winners in a live-streamed *Awards Celebration*, *sponsored by Contec*, *Inc*. All finalists and winners were showcased with video highlights of their inspiring innovations.

The winners are....

The Dr. Charles Townes Individual Achievement Award: Lou Kennedy, CEO and Owner, Nephron Pharmaceuticals

The Ibrahim Janajreh Young Innovators Award: The Pee Dee Idea Challenge Program and 2022 Student Winner Greyson Johnson

Technology Development Award: Victory ExoFibres, LLC

Technology Application Award: Zylo Therapeutics

Small Business Award: Asset LLC

Sustainability Award: VBase Oil Company

Education Award: MedEx Academy—Prisma Health

Community Service Award: SMVF Crisis Intercept Mapping for Suicide Prevention

Amy Robichaud, Chair of the InnoVision Awards Board said, "The 2022 finalists being showcased during the Awards Celebration are a testament to the advancement of innovation

across the state, and in multiple areas vital to our continuing advancement and economic growth. We were inspired by and impressed by each one."

Incoming Chair Cian Robinson remarked, saying "You can see that South Carolina produces very impressive innovators--- across industries and within large multinationals, small businesses and start-up businesses as well as within education and community service organizations. And there are robust and developing innovation and entrepreneurial support organizations that assist them along the journey from invention or innovation to commercial and community success."

A replay of the event featuring the finalist and winner showcase videos can be found by clicking <a href="here">here</a>. The individual video for each of these winners (and fellow finalists) are posted on <a href="here">www.innovisionawards.org</a> and YouTube.



Victory ExoFibres, 2022 InnoVision Technology Development Award Winner Terri Bruce