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Six Kansas City-area entrepreneurs chosen for 2010 Pipeline class

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The leaders of six Kansas City-area businesses have been selected to participate in a program aimed at nurturing some of the most promising entrepreneurs in Kansas.

The Pipeline entrepreneur fellowship program, formerly called the **Kansas Technology Enterprise Corp.** (KTEC) Pipeline program before receiving nonprofit status in May, announced this year's class of 10 members during its annual Innovator of the Year ceremony Thursday night in Overland Park.

The 2010 fellows include: Bryan DiGiorgio, CEO of **WorkSpace Communications**, Overland Park; Jay Kim, CEO of **Data Locker Inc.**, Lenexa; Stuart Jackson, CEO of **AnalyzeDirect Inc.**, Overland Park; Bob Collister, CEO of **MemoryShowcase.com**, Lenexa; David Barnes, president of **Sweet Spot Marketing**, Overland Park; and Jeff Southard, vice president of drug development for **VasoGenix Pharmaceuticals Inc.**, Lenexa.

Four other fellows named all hail from Wichita: Ben Tyson, CEO of Time Trails; Jeremy Jones, CEO of Nitride Solutions; Nate Gregory, CEO of MoJack Distributors; and Tahir Ahmad, CEO of PetroPower.

The program, in its fourth year, is designed to match high-potential tech entrepreneurs with training opportunities, resources and mentors.

Jason Tatge, CEO of Lenexa-based **Farms Technology** and a member of last year's Pipeline class, was named as Innovator of the Year.

The fellows must attend several seminars during the year and do independent work on their businesses. The program defines technology broadly, including software, biosciences, robotics, advanced manufacturing and clean technology.

The class of 10 matches the larger size of the 2007 inaugural year, compared with eight members in 2009 and nine in 2008. That comes despite budget cuts the program faced. To read more, click [here](#).

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