

The 19th Annual TribalNet Conference & Tradeshow Reports Record Breaking Numbers

TribalNet's 10th Annual Industry Award Recipients Honored

TribalNet recently held its 19th Annual Conference and Tradeshow last month at the Hard Rock Casino Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. A record number of both attendees and exhibitors were onsite to participate in the event. The conference week included over 40 learning sessions, three keynote presentations, 150 exhibitors as well as several networking opportunities.

TribalNet has been a conduit for connecting tribes for nearly two decades, with a focus on technology. This unique event is for those working in tribal gaming, government and health. The team of Advisory Board members is made up of leaders in these industry segments, who work year round to develop a conference agenda that includes the most relevant and current topics.

TribalNet Founder and Executive Officer, Mike Day, explained, "The 2018 TribalNet Conference and Tradeshow was extremely successful and a testament to the hard work of the entire TribalHub (the parent organization of TribalNet) team and all of our dedicated Advisory Board Members. Our mix of on-target educational sessions and networking opportunities has always been unique and designed to let all of our attendees and exhibitors leave the event with actionable and valuable tools, connections and information."

During the event, TribalNet recognized two IT teams at their 10th Annual Industry Awards, presented during a luncheon ceremony. One award recipient was named in Tribal Business/Enterprise, and in Tribal Government and Member Services. TribalNet called for nominations earlier this summer and each application was reviewed by the TribalNet Advisory Boards, made up of IT leaders and executives among tribal gaming, tribal government and tribal health.

The Pearl River Resort IT Department received the award in the Tribal Business/Enterprise category based on the work they did to become the very first tribally owned and



Pearl River Resort IT Department, from L-R: Cheryl Smith, Executive Director of IT; Edward Rangel, Director of IT Operations; Cassandra Grady, Senior Business Analyst; Matt Boyd, Director of IT Applications; Corey Flint, Network Administrator; and Travis Williams, Senior Network Engineer.



Squaxin Island Tribe Information Services Department: Morgan Rothrock, IT Manager and Mitzie Whitener, Director of Information Services.

operated Sportsbook in the U.S.

"On behalf of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and Pearl River Resort, we are honored to receive this award as it is a reflection of our teamwork and commitment to providing technology to users and customers with a side of southern hospitality," said Executive Director Cheryl Smith. "Our IT team will be beaming with pride for being recognized with this prestigious industry distinction."

The Squaxin Island Tribe Information Services Department received the award in the Tribal Government and Member Services category. They

were recognized for the work they did to create a dark fiber network to connect all locations with enough bandwidth to administer their entire valley.

"A recognition like this is universally understood by all," said Morgan Rothrock, IT Manager of the Squaxin Island Tribe. "It helps to build trust with our decision makers, that even without fully understanding, they still listen, thus improving the overall relationships we have with all of our stakeholders as we work to build meaningful and purposeful collaboration." ♣

The 20th Annual TribalNet Conference and Tradeshow will be held Nov 11-14, 2019 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, TN. For more information visit www.tribalnetonline.com.