STEM COLLEGE STUDENT INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM
(for students attending a college, university, or training institution)

19th Annual Innovator Awards Luncheon
September 25, 2019 11:30am - 1:30pm

GWATA is Seeking Nominations for the
STEM College Student Innovator of the Year Award

At the 19th Annual Innovator Awards Luncheon, over 350 leaders in business and education will come together to celebrate entrepreneurship, technology, innovation, and education. During the luncheon, awards in five different categories will be presented innovators from around North Central Washington. Do you know a student who is excelling in college, at a university or at a training institution? GWATA is seeking nominations for this year’s STEM College Student Innovator of the Year Award.

Students will be recognized for innovative projects that address real world problems. Student-led projects are preferred but teacher-led initiatives will be considered if the student project is innovative and unique. The student(s) must demonstrate critical thinking, creativity, innovation, and problem solving. Any construction, data logging and summarizing must have been completed by the student(s). The winner will demonstrate potential for success through leadership and learning.

Recent winners of the Problem Solving Innovator award include:
2018 - Porter Lumpkins, Michael Olmstead, and Bernardo Farias, Wenatchee Valley College
2017 - Jared Harris and Nataliia Piestrup, Wenatchee Valley College
2016 - Kyle Beattie, Wenatchee Valley College

A panel of judges from the community will select the finalists. Judges will evaluate each project on these areas:
• Student Initiative
• Student Leadership
• Project Innovation
• Real-life Application
• Technical Elements

Terms:
• Nominations are open from May 17 - July 26, 2019. Nominations can be submitted by mail, email, or online.
• Nominees must be actively attending a post-secondary institution (college, university or training institution) in Washington State or have graduated from one during the 2018-19 year. Nominees must be originally from Chelan, Douglas, Grant or Okanogan counties.
• Individuals or teams of students may be nominated. Students can nominate themselves.
• Our most recent winners (2014-2018) are not eligible for the award.
• All qualified nominees will be announced during the GWATA Summer Social on August 1.
• All qualified nominees will be recognized through GWATA media outlets.
• The top three finalists will be showcased and recognized at the Innovator Awards Luncheon on September 25, 2019. The top three finalists will receive 2 complimentary tickets each. The winner will be announced live at the luncheon and will receive a cash award with a minimum value of $250.
• All nominees are encouraged to attend the luncheon.

Please contact GWATA for more information: 509-661-9000 or info@gwata.org
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You can also fill this out online at [www.gwata.org/innovators]
Submission Deadline: July 26, 2019

Nominee(s) Name: ______________________________________________________________
Nominee is studying at: __________________________________________________________
Where is the nominee originally from?______________________________________________
Nominee Phone & Email: _________________________________________________________
Nominee’s Teacher/Advisor Name, Phone, Email: _____________________________________
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Please explain the following (feel free to attach additional pages):

• What was the project that the student(s) completed?
• How did their project utilize technology or require technical skills?
• Why was this project innovative?
• What leadership role did the student(s) play?
• What was the result of this project? (i.e. what were the results?)
• How did this project address real world problems?
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Personal testimony: Why are you nominating this student(s)? Why do you feel they are a STEM Innovator?

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You are encouraged to attach publications, photos, and video to support your nomination. Incomplete applications will be not considered.

Your Information

Name__________________________________________________________

Email________________________________________________________

Phone ________________________________________________________

Submit your nomination today - Applications due July 26
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Online: www.gwata.org/innovators