On August 6th, GWATA had the honor of hosting U.S. Senator Patty Murray in Wenatchee. Together with our partners, we showcased local technology from Confluence Health and iSpyFire, featured women from the Apple STEM Network, and had a round-table discussion about digital equity in North Central Washington.

As I listened to our partners share their perspectives, I was once again inspired by the collaborative nature of our community. Since 1999, GWATA’s passion has been to bring people and technology resources together. We are not alone in our efforts -- our region is home to incredible champions who are passionately advocating for access to technology education, resources, and infrastructure.

I’m excited about the possibility of additional resources for our region from Senator Murray’s Digital Equity Act, and I feel empowered by our future. It’s easy to feel hopeful when I see leaders like Camille Jones, a Quincy teacher who is dedicated to bringing STEM education to her students. We are proud of our community and the work being done to improve the digital divide. If you are interested in getting involved, I encourage you to join GWATA and the Apple STEM Network in our efforts.
It’s hard to believe that we’ve already hosted two of our three annual entrepreneurial panels. Our March panel presented by Numerica Credit Union, featured business owners ages 35 and under, including Charley Voorhis (Voortex Productions), Beth Dew (Threads), Jake Davison (American Family Insurance - Jake Davison Agency), and Brittany Tait (Osteostrong Wenatchee). July’s panel presented by Jeffers, Danielson, Sonn and Aylward featured companies in new and emerging industries including Kyle Hendrickson (Foray Coffee), Allie Jordan (The Happy Crop Shoppe), and William Gant (Escape Tactics).

Join us on Thursday, November 21 for our final panel of 2019! Presented by Overcast Law, the panel’s topic will be agriculture.

The Wenatchee Mini Maker Faire celebrated many milestones this year! We were excited to bring the event back to the Town Toyota Center where we had over 65 exhibitors, activities and presentations, and welcomed more than 1,300 attendees during the one-day event.

Presented by Microsoft and the Rutherford Family, the 2019 Wenatchee Mini Maker Faire showcased the region’s innovation, creativity and resourcefulness. Here’s just a taste of the exhibitors: Apple City Amateur Radio Club, Wenatchee School District’s VisionScape, Class With A Glass, AI Robots from CloudStar LLC, Foothills Middle School Robotics, Get Real Honey, Glass to Sand project, iSpyFire coding booth, Link Transit, Virtual Reality with NCRL, and Wenatchee Valley Tech Center Tiny House.

We are always looking for new ways to positively impact our community. We’re excited to share that in partnership with Matt Lang and Wenatchee School District, GWATA has developed the program: Computers 4 Kids. This initiative is putting refurbished computers in the hands of youth. To date, the program has given 61 computers to local students. Our goal is to give 100 computers away by the end of 2019!

The impact of a computer at home can be life-changing, not just for these students, but for entire families. We want to thank Matt Lang and Wenatchee School District for the opportunity to make a difference.

Want to get involved in Computers 4 Kids? Email us at info@gwata.org

On April 18, more than 250 investors, entrepreneurs and business professionals from around the Pacific Northwest attended the Flywheel Investment Conference in downtown Wenatchee. During the event, $185,000 was invested into two Washington state companies.

The conference winner was Beta Hatch, a company that raises insects for use as sustainable animal feed. They were awarded $135,000 at the conference. Beta Hatch is currently building its flagship production facility in the former Tree Top factory in Cashmere. In addition, Prescriptive Health walked away with a $50,000 investment.

Learn more about the Conference at www.flywheelconference.com
YOU'RE INVITED TO THE INNOVATOR AWARDS LUNCHEON

ANNUAL INNOVATOR AWARDS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 25
11:30am - 1:30pm
Wenatchee Convention Center

Bring your whole team! Table sponsorships are available and include 8 tickets, a reserved table, and recognition of your participation as a sponsor.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 SELECTION COMMITTEE!

Every year a group of community members volunteer their time on the Innovator Award Selection Committee where they review all nominees and select both the finalists and winner in each category.

This year's committee included: John McQuaig, JC Baldwin, J. Michael Walker, Diana Haglund, Dan Carr, Tina Nicpan-Brown, Cy Sousley, Hailey Allen, Charlie Miracle, Joel Frank, Michael Machado, Gavin Gahringer, Jason Bonwell, Jody Leonard, Dustin Staat, and Ian Flippen.

CELEBRATING INNOVATION IN NCW

One of GWATA's passions is celebrating local innovators in technology, entrepreneurship, and STEM education. During the annual Innovator Awards Luncheon more than 350 community leaders from across the region will come together to celebrate over 50 nominees from North Central Washington. We hope you will join us on September 25 for this annual event!

INNOVATOR AWARDS HALL OF FAME

Since 2001, GWATA has had the honor of recognizing innovators in our region. Meet our past winners:

Entrepreneur of the Year: Kevin & Kyle Cox, Dave Carlson, Tyler & Jessica Russell, Jeff & Leanne Kurpuis, Tony Freytag, Peter Ringsrud, Nancy Tedeschi, Melissa Wisen, Dan Carr & Candy Mecham, Daniel Pirestani, John McQuaig, Valda Sarty, Andy Metcalfe, Scott Berglin, Chris Raines, JC Baldwin

Innovative Use of Technology in Business: iSpyFire, Pacific Aerospace & Electronics, Stemilt Growers, Confluence Health - Dr. Patricia Collins, Biosports Physical Therapy, InDemand Interpreting, Key Methods, Howell At The Moon Productions, Wenatchee Valley Medical Center, Moses Lake Industries, Confluent Data Systems, Erlandsen & Associates, GoLakeChelan.com, Lovitt Cider, Pak It Rite

STEM Champion of the Year: Brigitte Wiegand, Tine Nicpan-Brown, Brian Herling, Sara Rolfs, Jody Leonard, Doug Merrill, Jamie Johnson

STEM College Student Innovator: Michael Olmstead & Porter Lumpkins, Jared Harris & Nataliia Piestrup, Kyle Beattie

Future Technology Leader of the Year: Team FBI, Moses Lurbur, Theo Marshall, Ethan Toth, Alex Albert, Jacob Prater, Arnie Techavimol & Spencer Larkin, Rambots 4H Club & Bradley Shipley, Kelsey Taylor & Waterville 4th Grade Class, WHS Solar Drag Team

Lifetime Achievement: Mike & Joann Walker, Carl Campbell, Bret Pittsinger, Wilfred & Rufus Woods, Tom Mathison, Dimitri Mandelis, Dr. Gene Sharratt, Choi Halladay

GET TICKETS AT WWW.GWATA.ORG
OR CALL US AT 509-661-9000

19th
CONGRATULATIONS INNOVATOR NOMINEES

INNOVATIVE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN BUSINESS
Presented by Stemilt Growers

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The Confluence Technology Center (CTC) has been GWATA’s home for the past 10+ years. We want to thank Tricia Degnan and her staff at the CTC for taking such great care of us. We will still be hosting events at the CTC, but for our day-to-day operations we’re excited to announce that our office is now inside of the Mercantile, a new coworking facility located in downtown Wenatchee. Our new location will allow our non-profit organization to be more accessible to you, our members, and our community. Be sure to stop by and say hi -- we love connecting with our members one-on-one! We want to thank the Mercantile owners who have welcomed GWATA with open arms. The Mercantile will also be the home for our upcoming Tech Talks starting on September 3. Tech Talk has a new location and start time - to learn more visit our website at www.gwata.org.

For your records please update GWATA’s physical and mailing address to:

14 N. Wenatchee Ave, Suite 114
Wenatchee, WA 98801-3917

THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 PARTNERS

As a 501(c)3 non-profit, we rely on our partners' support to provide valuable programming and resources for the community. We want to thank our 2019 partners:
UPCOMING GWATA EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 5  TECH TALK & HAPPY HOUR
5PM @ Mercantile / New time and location!

SEPTEMBER 25  INNOVATOR AWARDS LUNCHEON
Wenatchee Convention Center / Open to entire community

OCTOBER 3  TECH TALK & HAPPY HOUR
5PM @ Mercantile / New time and location!

OCTOBER 10  MEMBERS ONLY SERIES CLASS
Free workshop for current members only

NOVEMBER 7  TECH TALK & HAPPY HOUR
5PM @ Mercantile / New time and location!

NOVEMBER 19  MEMBERS ONLY SERIES CLASS
Free workshop for current members only

NOVEMBER 21  ENTREPRENEURIAL PANEL
Pybus Public Market / Open to members & non-members

DECEMBER  IS HOUR OF CODE MONTH
Contact us to find out more about times and locations

APRIL 16, 2020  FLYWHEEL INVESTMENT CONFERENCE
Downtown Wenatchee / Open to members & non-members

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020  INNOVATOR AWARDS LUNCHEON
Wenatchee Convention Center / Open to entire community

SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER TO STAY UP TO DATE ON NEW EVENTS
SIGN UP AT WWW.GWATA.ORG/ENEWS

BENEFITS OF GWATA MEMBERSHIP

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & PARTIES GALORE
We host over 35 events a year that provide networking and educational opportunities; members can attend all events for free or reduced ticket prices

B2B CONNECTIONS & NETWORKING
With over 165 business members, GWATA can connect you and your company with great B2B resources and referrals. Let us help you get to the next level in your business.

SUPPORT LOCAL INNOVATION & STUDENTS
As member of GWATA you are supporting local innovation and technology resources for the greater community, including entrepreneurs and students!

REMEMINDER: As a business member to GWATA, all of the company’s employees are members. Your membership to our organization gives your team an all-access pass to GWATA events and resources. Spread the word about this resource!
THANK YOU GWATA MEMBERS

501 Consultants
Accor Technology
AGTools
Alatheia Therapeutic Riding Center
Anderson Family Farm
Apple Blossom Festival
Apple STEM Network
Applied Innovation
Augustedge, PLLC
Badger Mountain Brewing
Bainbridge Manufacturing
BBSI
Bitmain
Blind Renaissance
Britt Dudek
Building NCW
Cafe Columbia
Cascade Auto Center
Cascade Farmlands
Cashmere Chamber of Commerce
Cashmere Valley Bank
Central Washington University
Centricty Global
Chelan County PUD
Chelan-Douglas Land Trust
Chelan–Douglas School Retirees’ Association
Chip - Humanoid AI Robot
City of East Wenatchee
City of Wenatchee
Class With A Glass
CliftonLarsonAllen
CloudStar LLC
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Columbia Valley Community Health
Community Clinic Contracting Network
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SimplePowerIT
Sister Connection
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