

Chicago Innovation Awards winners help ring out trading day at Nasdaq

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Representatives of about two dozen Chicago-based companies got a nice perk Monday as winners of the 2014 Chicago Innovation Awards:

They were on hand for the bell ringing that signals the end of the day's trading at the Nasdaq stock exchange in New York.

Chicago Innovation Awards founders [Tom Kuczmariski](#) ⇒ and [Dan Miller](#) ⇒, along with executive director Luke Tanen, led the bell-ringing, and they were joined by representatives of most award-winning companies from last year.

"They all said they've gotten so many tweets already, with people congratulating them," Kuczmariski said Monday before the market close. He said he had lunch with representatives of the companies that made the trip.

It's the fifth year at Nasdaq for winners of the Chicago Innovation Awards. Kuczmariski said companies can use the exposure to trumpet their awards achievement one more time. Photos of the bell-ringing ceremony get displayed in Times Square, and cable financial networks tend to play the video footage.

"It does illuminate, and put a spotlight on, Chicago's innovation scene, but also on all these companies," Kuczmariski said.

Expected to be on the dais were representatives of AuctionsByCellular, Horizon Pharma, Keeper Security, LMK Technologies, Mattersight, Radio Flyer, Rise Interactive, Strata Decision Technology, Swingbyte and TastyTrade.

These Up and Comer Award winners also were expected: Kentech Consulting, LuminAID, Options Away, Packback, Pangea, Rippleshot, Shiftgig and ThinkCerca.

Also expected were Social Innovator Award winner Caremerge; People's Choice Award winner Alligatortek; and Collaboration Award winner Beltone.

POST-EVENT UPDATE:

Here's a list of 2014 CIA award-winning companies that made it to the bell-ringing: AuctionsByCellular, Horizon Pharma, Keeper Security, LMK Technologies, Radio Flyer, Rise Interactive, Strata Decision Technology, Swingbyte and TastyTrade.

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