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## CITY TECH FOUNDATION CELEBRATES INNOVATION AT 2019 BEST OF NEW YORK AWARDS CELEBRATION

Brooklyn, NY–October 18, 2019–Distinguished alumni, faculty and students mingled with guests on Wednesday evening while exploring the new state-of-the art Academic Complex at the City Tech Foundation's 2019 Best of New York Awards Gala, "Celebrating Innovation".

Toni Williams served as Master of Ceremonies throughout the evening with honorees including Sam Gregory, Founding Director, The Brooklyn to Alaska Project; John Lam, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Lam Group; Emely Perez, Senior Designer, McCann NY; and esteemed writer, activist and comedian Baratunde Thurston.

Throughout the evening, guests had an all-access pass to wander through dynamic showcases from select programs at the College – Mechatronics, Emerging Media, Architectural Design, Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Radiologic Technology, Communication Design and Hospitality Management.

The Awards Presentation began at 6:00pm with an elegant reception catered by The Brownstone following at 6:45pm and showcase tours beginning at 7:30pm.

The event was held in the College's New Academic Complex at 285 Jay Street in Downtown Brooklyn, home to the College's health care programs, including Dental Hygiene, Restorative Dentistry, Radiologic Technology, Vision Care Technology, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Nursing and Human Services. Also housed in the new facility are a theater-quality auditorium, state-of-the-art wellness center, modern gymnasium, enclosed outdoor garden, mezzanine café and stone garden, as well as other comfortable communal areas.

Proceeds from the evening benefited the City Tech Foundation Annual Fund.

**About City Tech (New York City College of Technology)** City Tech, of The City University of New York, is the largest four-year public college of technology in the Northeast and a national model for technological education. City Tech has an enrollment of more than 17,000 students in 29 baccalaureate and 27 associate degree programs and was recently ranked ninth among more than 2,000 U.S. institutions in overall economic mobility for its students (www.equality-of-opportunity.org). For more information, visit www.citytech.cuny.edu.

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discrimination and sexual misconduct, please contact the College's Title IX Coordinator or the Office of Civil Rights of the United States.

**About the City Tech Foundation** The City Tech Foundation was chartered in 1981 to raise funds for the College. Proceeds from the annual Best of New York Award Dinner continue to help fund Foundation-sponsored scholarships, as well as other student financial assistance and student/faculty professional development programs.



Best of New York fundraiser guests enjoy City Tech's Igloo Vision, an immersive 360° projection dome on display at the College until January 2020.



City Tech Dental Hygiene alumna, Lisa Marie Kao, speaks to guests about her journey from student to founder of MyntSmile.



Guests watch in awe as City Tech Mechatronics students present their award-winning robotic creations.

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