

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### New Jersey Technology Council to Honor

**Mario M. Casabona**

**at 2013 Awards Celebration**

### **TechLaunch Founder & Veteran New Jersey Entrepreneur Chosen for *Legend of Technology Award***

**September 5, 2013:** Each year the New Jersey Technology Council (NJTC) honors the Garden State's top technology companies and their leaders for their business accomplishments in technological collaboration, partnership and innovation. This year, Mario Casabona was selected by a distinguished panel of judges to be the recipient of the ***Legend of Technology Award***, recognizing an individual who, over several decades, has had a significant impact on the technology industry in New Jersey. The award will be presented in Princeton on November 21 at a glamorous evening celebration of innovation and technology.

Stated Maxine Ballen, CEO and President of the NJTC, "We are thrilled to have Mario Casabona accept this award. This year was particularly difficult to select those being honored from the more than 50 nominations that came from deserving companies. The judges were truly challenged and did a terrific job in identifying companies and individuals that represent the best of the region's technology community."

"I am delighted and humbled to receive such a distinguished accolade as the ***Legend of Technology Award***," stated Mario Casabona. He added, "It's even more humbling to realize how long I've been waving the flag for New Jersey's technology community, and I guess the good news is that I feel I've only just started!"



# H O N O R E E S

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

### **John H. Martinson Technology Supporter Award**

Chris Sugden

### **Legend of Technology Award**

Mario M. Casabona

## SUPER AWARDS

### **Master Technology Company of the Year**

Universal Display Corporation

### **Public Company of the Year**

Stryker

### **Private Company of the Year**

PHX, Inc.

## SUSPENSE AWARDS

### **Innovative Technology of the Year**

RightAnswers, Inc.

SevOne

Simeio Solutions LLC

### **Impact Company of the Year**

[iCIMS](#), Inc.

MD On-Line, Inc.

Vitals

## INDUSTRY AWARDS

### **Trailblazer**

BlackLight [Power](#), Inc.

### **Rising Star**

HR Acuity LLC

### **Outstanding Technology Development**

System International

### **Consumer Product**

QualityHealth

### **Beacon of Light**

Edge Therapeutics, Inc.

**About Mario M. Casabona:**

Mario Casabona is an Entrepreneur and active [Angel Investor](#). In 2011, Mario founded **TechLaunch LLC** ([TechLaunch.com](#)), NJ's Technology Accelerator, which provides aspiring entrepreneurs critical seed funding, co-working space, LaunchPad (business boot-camp), mentors, and access to investors. He continues to serve as the CEO. In 2007, he founded **Casabona Ventures, LLC** ([CasabonaVentures.com](#)), a New Jersey based Company providing management services, strategic planning, and private equity (Angel) financing to early stage technology focused companies. Mr. Casabona is an Electrical Engineer and holds 12 national and international patents in the field of satellite-based navigation and communications. He lives in Morris County, enjoys mentoring, creating and operating new Companies, vacationing and spending casual time with family and friends in his NY State log home retreat.

**About the New Jersey Technology Council:**

The [New Jersey Technology Council \(NJTC\)](#) provides business support, networking opportunities, information, advocacy, and recognition of technology companies and their leaders. Founded in 1996, NJTC's member companies work together to support their own enterprises while advancing New Jersey's status as a leading technology center in the United States. The NJTC offers its member companies access to networking, financing resources, expertise and more. A private, not-for-profit membership organization, the NJTC fosters and grows a vibrant entrepreneurial spirit and nurtures a community where great ideas take flight. For more information visit: [njtc.org](#)

**About TechLaunch:**

TechLaunch was created in 2011 to drive the commercialization of emerging technology created by aspiring entrepreneurs. It was formed in collaboration with Casabona Ventures ([CasabonaVentures.com](#)), Jumpstart New Jersey Angel Network ([JumpstartNJ.com](#)), NJ Economic Development Authority (EDA) ([njeda.com](#)), and successful entrepreneurs. TechLaunch provides a select group of emerging technology ventures with seed-stage funding, access to over 100 qualified mentors, business training, co-working space, key business services and exposure to qualified investors, through a proven 16-week business boot camp (LaunchPad) program. The program culminates on Demo Day with Investor pitches and demonstrations of the developed products. To learn more please visit [techlaunch.com](#). Any media inquiries should be directed to [Norma@TechLaunch.com](mailto:Norma@TechLaunch.com).

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