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Two Hayward companies win 2022 East Bay Innovation Awards

HAYWARD, Calif., Aug. 23, 2022—Two Hayward companies won awards at the 10th Annual East Bay Innovation Awards held Aug. 4 at the Fox Theatre in Oakland. Organized by the East Bay Economic Development Alliance and often referred to as the “Academy Awards” of East Bay industry, the event honors the region’s most cutting-edge and impactful companies and organizations.

This year, more than over 200 nominations were submitted in 10 award categories, including: Advanced Manufacturing, Arts & Culture, Built Environment, Clean Tech, Community Impact, Education, Engineering & Design, Food, Life Sciences, and Technology. The two Hayward companies to come away with 3D-printed Innovation Award trophies were:

DuPont EKC Technology (Advanced Manufacturing Category): This nearly 40-year-old Hayward company designs and produces specialized chemistries that are critical in the production of semiconductors. DuPont EKC’s new formulas of solvents are helping computer chip manufacturers scale up production faster to meet the global chip shortage.

Eikon Therapeutics (Life Sciences Category): This company is developing new technology at the interface of biology, engineering, and chemistry to discover novel treatments for life-threatening diseases. Eikon Therapeutics’ discovery platform, built on groundbreaking innovations from its Nobel Prize winning founders, is a super-resolution microscope that enables real-time measurements of protein movement in living cells. This technology will allow scientists to better understand disease biology and discover new drug treatments. In January 2022, the company raised \$518 million in venture capital funding and has raised \$668 million to date.

California State University East Bay also was named the recipient of the 2022 Legacy Award for the university's contributions to the region's economy and community.

"For five years running, Hayward companies and organizations continue to be recognized as the most innovative and impactful companies in the East Bay," said Paul Nguyen, Hayward Economic Development Manager. "This community is at the heart of a rich ecosystem of innovators and dreamers. Companies and startups looking for a home base from which to create and thrive should definitely consider Hayward."

For more information on these and other award winners, visit the Innovations Awards page [here](#) on the East Bay Economic Development Alliance [website](#).