

Winners announced for 2026 McKnight's Tech Awards



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Top senior living and care technology efforts and the individuals and organizations behind them were honored across 14 categories Wednesday afternoon at the 16th annual *McKnight's* Excellence in Technology Awards ceremony. The virtual celebration capped two days of educational webinars and the release of the results of the second annual *McKnight's* State of Technology Survey.

Gold, Silver and Bronze awards were bestowed as determined by an independent panel of 24 long-term care stakeholders. Victors included provider-vendor duos and involved nonprofit and for-profit entities traversing the senior living, skilled nursing and home care sectors.

Additionally, a Best in Show award winner was chosen from all of the top entries this year, based on its combination of strategic thinking, innovative delivery and needle-moving results. This year's highest honor award went to Jewish Home for "Building more with less through AI development," which also won Gold in the Home Grown category.

Tech Award [finalists had been announced](#) in early August.

"From the time the finalists were named, it became clear this was an exceptional year for entries, and the judges' choices of the medal winners only magnified that belief," *McKnight's* Editorial Director James M. Berkman said. "There are some incredible efforts and advancements reflected here. All long-term care stakeholders have a lot to be proud of."

Quality

The spotlight for this category is on the application of technology to improve the quality of care or services.

- **Gold:** "HVLDL mortality risk dashboard," VNS Health and Netsmart
- **Silver:** "Next-generation rehabilitation with Armeo Power," RiverSpring Living and Hocoma AG

- Bronze: “Zero falls with AI: A new benchmark in care,” Helpany and United Zion Retirement Community

Building Bridges

The use of technology to improve connections between staff members, care providers or residents/patients and their families is recognized by this category.

- Gold: “Responsive MD collaboration across communities,” Hucu.ai and MD for Seniors
- Silver: “Connecting care teams with intelligent hiring,” Viventium + Apploi and Saber Healthcare Group
- Bronze: “Documenting care gaps before the survey,” Medical Service Company and Gabby Health

Creative Use of AI

This category, new this year, celebrates how particularly creative uses of artificial intelligence were incorporated into products or services that made a significant difference for senior living and care operators.

- Gold: “Nursing homes without walls: Attentive AI keeps seniors home,” Zemplee, United Health of Kansas, Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services and Windsor Place Telehealth
- Silver: “Zero falls with AI: A new benchmark in care,” Helpany and United Zion Retirement Community
- Bronze: “Retention Radar – Redefining retention with AI-powered insights,” LCS

Electronic Health Records (EHR) Integration

Winners in this category are stakeholders who have worked together to play a pivotal role in helping communities and/or agencies via electronic health records, thereby streamlining resident/patient information management.

- Gold: “A partnership for transformation,” Parasol Alliance, PointClickCare and Mary’s Woods
- Silver: “How Ascent gained 135 days of length of stay,” ALIS and Ascent Living Communities

Emerging Technology

This category acknowledges innovators who have developed technology-driven tools showing great potential for improving care and/or the bottom line — even though they may not yet be fully in the marketplace.

- Gold: “NASA-licensed radar: AI smoke detector for the heart,” Advanced TeleSensors and PAM Health
- Silver: “AI-powered regulatory risk intelligence for skilled nursing,” SignalCare
- Bronze: “CareDocs.ai intelligent therapy management platform,” CareDocs.ai

Falls Prevention, Management or Detection

Victors in this category used technology to help senior living and care providers reduce the risk of falls-related injuries among residents, patients or clients.

- Gold: “How United Zion achieved zero falls with AI,” Helpany and United Zion Retirement Community

- Silver: “Bristol Park at Cleburne: 74% fewer falls,” Teton and Sagora Senior Living
- Bronze: “12 months, zero hip fractures,” Phoenix Hipwear Corp., Silverado and Pegasus Senior Living

Home Grown

This category recognizes senior living and care operators that have independently developed and implemented a technology-driven improvement that enhances care or services and/or the bottom line.

- Gold: “Building more with less through AI development,” Jewish Home
- Silver: “Mobility as a vital sign: A surveillance system,” Vintage Faire Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
- Bronze: “Retention Radar – Redefining retention with AI-powered insights,” LCS

Innovator of the Year

Champions in this category had technological innovations that positively affected senior living and care operators’ provision of care, services and/or the bottom line.

- Gold: “Intelligent incontinence management and impact on staff / residents,” etectRx, EdenHill Communities, LifeScape, Trilogy Health Services, Black Hills Works and The Village at Gainesville
- Silver: “Retention Radar – Redefining retention with AI-powered insights,” LCS
- Bronze: “Ignite + Exacare ai: AI-powered admissions transformation,” exacare ai and Ignite Medical Resorts

Keep It Super Simple (KISS)

This category honors simple but effective applications of technology that improved the provision of care and/or services and/or operations.

- Gold: “How real-time visibility improved overnight safety and proactive care,” Tenera Care and Dublin Glenn Memory Care / Continental Senior Communities
- Silver: “One platform. Better staffing decisions,” Incite Workforce Solutions powered by SnapCare, Incite Strategic Partners
- Bronze: “Increased patient access with simpler documentation solutions,” Apricot Health and Choice Health at Home

Resident Engagement and Recreation

This category highlights the use of technologies that senior living and care providers used to promote resident engagement, social interaction and recreational activities, enhancing the overall well-being and quality of life for residents, patients and clients.

- Gold: “BeeHome: Reimagining resident engagement through AI,” The Forum at Rancho San Antonio and Beewise
- Silver: “Quiltt Connection Board: Ending isolation through engagement intelligence,” Quiltt and Whitefish at the Lakes, managed by Cornerstone Management
- Bronze: “How The Forum built one digital front door to community life,” The Forum at Rancho San Antonio and Cubigo

Resident / Patient Monitoring and Safety

Attention in this category is squarely on senior living and care providers and vendors that have worked together to deliver innovations in monitoring systems and safety technologies that helped providers in their efforts to improve resident/patient well-being and reduce risks.

- Gold: “Nursing homes without walls: Safer homes with AI,” Zemplee, United Health of Kansas, Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services, and Windsor Place At Home Care, Kansas
- Silver: “Clearing the air: A controlled study of continuous air purification in long-term care,” Pyure, Dr. Yochai Levy of Shmuel Harofeh Geriatric Center and co-authored by Prof. Itamar Grotto, a former director of public health services at the Israel Ministry of Health and a former member of the executive board of the World Health Organization, Mahyar Khosravi, CEO of Pyure, and Shmuel Harofeh Geriatric Center
- Bronze: “Modern resident safety without walls,” intrex and Swank Assisted Living

Staff Scheduling and Management

This category recognizes the use of solutions that helped senior living and care providers optimize staff scheduling, improve communication and enhance overall workforce management.

- Gold: “Scaling workforce intelligence across senior care,” Incite Workforce Solutions powered by SnapCare, Incite Strategic Partners and Marquis Companies

Tech Champion

This award, new this year, recognizes an individual or individuals who have had a significant effect on their organizations’ use of technological products or services to deliver outstanding results for individuals, departments, communities, facilities or companies with which they associate.

- Gold: “From documentation to real-time clinical surveillance,” Neha Sabharwal, director of rehabilitation, Vintage Faire Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
- Silver: “Reducing friction, improving care,” Doug Owens, chief information officer, Signature HealthCare
- Bronze: “Empowering clinicians with real-world AI innovation,” Ayisha Bradley, director of informatics and clinical reimbursement at Care Centers Management Consulting, and WellSky

Training and Education Solutions

This category highlights the use of platforms that senior living and care operators use to provide comprehensive training and education opportunities to their employees, ensuring continuous professional development.

- Gold: “Archer online training guide program,” Arrow Senior Living Management
- Silver: “Beyond LMS: Workforce infrastructure for care,” Nevvon and Elara Caring
- Bronze: “IREG: Building dementia-friendly communities,” Rendever and Integrated Real Estate Group

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