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KTEC names Koper Innovator of the Year

Olga Koper of NanoScale Corp. in Manhattan was named Thursday night as the winner of the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corp.'s Innovator of the Year competition.

Koper is one of 10 entrepreneurs who participated in KTEC's inaugural Promoting Innovation, Providing Education & Leadership, Investing in New Entrepreneurs class.

The PIPELINE program provides a select group of promising Kansas entrepreneurs in technology and biosciences formal education sessions, access to venture capitalists and entrepreneur mentors, and a \$36,000 stipend to use toward their ventures.

Koper competed against her PIPELINE peers -- including Wichitan Joey Blue -- for the award.

The competition included the submission of a business plan that the PIPELINE Innovators "refined" after their participation in the year-long program.

It also included pitching their business plan to a panel of venture capitalists and business executives.

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