



Congratulations 2024 Frank Award Winners

On Nov. 7, I attended The Cannata Report's 39th Annual Awards & Charities Gala in Morristown, New Jersey. I have attended the event for many years, and it never disappoints. It is always very enjoyable, from start to finish. Guests included representatives of leading manufacturers, services, supplies and software companies, and office technology dealers.



The gala is first and foremost a charitable event. This year's gala raised \$220,000 for breast cancer research at Hackensack Meridian Health's Center for Discovery and Innovation. In recent years, the gala has raised more than \$1.75 million for Hackensack Meridian Health Foundation. Since its inception, the gala has raised \$3.25 million for a number of charitable organizations nationwide.

The gala also provided the opportunity to recognize the industry's best, by way of the presentation of Frank Awards, presented to vendors and individuals in 14 categories. The awards are named after Frank Cannata, who established The Cannata Report in 1982.

Congratulations to the 2024 Frank Award winners, all BTA members:

- **Excellence in Innovation:** Sharp Imaging and Information Company of America
- **Best Diversification Partner:** Inter-media
- **Best Production Print Manufacturer:** Ricoh USA
- **Best IT and Security Services Provider:** ConnectWise
- **Best Print Management Software Provider:** ACDI for PaperCut
- **Best ECM/Document Management Provider:** DocuWare
- **Best Marketing Strategy:** Sharp Imaging and Information Company of America

■ **Best Technical Service Provider:** Ricoh USA

■ **Best-in-Class:** Sharp Imaging and Information Company of America

■ **Best A4 Manufacturer:** Kyocera Document Solutions America

■ **Best Leasing Company:** GreatAmerica Financial Services

■ **Best Female Executive:** Laura Blackmer, Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A. Inc.

■ **Best Male Executive:** Jim Coriddi, Ricoh USA

■ **Best Manufacturer:** Sharp Imaging and Information Company of America

A quote shared by CJ Cannata, president and CEO of The Cannata Report, sums up the significance of the awards program: "The office technology industry is at an inflection point. When innovative products and services are matched with expansion into related office services and inventive new offerings, and then you factor in the entrepreneurial mindset that defines the independent dealer channel, it is clear the office technology industry is moving to higher ground. It's our honor to recognize the companies leading the exhilarating evolution in office technology."

In addition to the Frank Awards, The Cannata Report honored Luke Oldenburg of Impact Networking, Lake Forest, Illinois, with its Outstanding Veteran Award in recognition of his military service and dedication to helping promote the hiring of veterans like himself in the office technology industry. The Cannata Report also presented the Frank G. Cannata Philanthropy Award to John Lowery, president and CEO of Applied Innovation, headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Lowery was selected as this year's winner in recognition of his support of more than 300 charitable organizations. ■

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