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**Mid-Atlantic Innovation Awards Names American Gene Technologies 2021
Innovator of the Year; HumanTouch, People's Choice Winner**

The Mid-Atlantic Innovation Awards are a joint production of the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce and Connectpreneur

Tysons Corner, Va. - [The Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce](#) (Northern Virginia Chamber) and [Connectpreneur](#) have named American Gene Technologies, the 2021 Innovator of the Year, and HumanTouch, the People's Choice Winner, during today's Mid-Atlantic Innovation Awards (Innovation Awards).

Created to showcase innovations in business, the Innovation Awards highlight ingenuity and creativity in five key categories in addition to the overall awards: Cyber Tech, Clean Tech, TeleHealth, Media, and Life Sciences. Applicants submitted a one-minute video describing their innovation. A panel of 19 judges then reviewed all applications and named 10 finalists, whose videos were then shown during the virtual Awards show.

"Our Northern Virginia businesses continuously demonstrate their innovation, brilliance and resourcefulness in pushing forward, be it in product development, improving a system or process, or developing technology that saves lives," said Northern Virginia Chamber President and CEO, Julie Coons. "We've all experienced how invaluable an innovative mindset can be in a vibrant, growing economy. The Northern Virginia Chamber and Connectpreneur were excited to recognize our finalists' achievements in a fun-filled, camaraderie-focused event."

Touted as the zaniest awards show in the Mid-Atlantic Region that celebrates the ingeniously simple as well as the staggeringly complex, the event included viewing all finalist videos. From there, attendees were encouraged to submit their vote for the 2021 People's Choice winner.

”Congratulations to all of the everyone, keep doing what you’re doing, really changing the world basically, it’s really great to see this technology coming out of the whole mid-Atlantic region. You know Silicon Valley gets a lot of the glory but there’s a lot of great things going on here as well. I want to congratulate the chamber because you all are doing great things with this awards program.” said Tien Wong, Founder and Host, Connectpreneur.

The 2021 Innovation Awards Winners are:

- **Innovator of the Year:** American Gene Technologies
- **People’s Choice:** HumanTouch
- **Cyber Tech:** iDirect Government
- **Clean Tech:** Micronic Technologies
- **Life Sciences:** American Gene Technologies
- **TeleHealth:** VideoKall
- **Media Tech:** Kyndoo

View the entire awards show [here](#).

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About the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Originally founded in 1925 as a Fairfax county-focused business advocacy organization, the Northern Virginia Chamber has grown into region's largest Chamber of Commerce, drawing members and impacting policy across the Greater Washington D.C. Metropolitan Region. Today, we represent close to 500,000 employees, the diversity of our community is one of our greatest assets, offering opportunities to learn from one another and form personal connections that help guide lasting business growth.

NOVA's goal is to be considered not only a business partner but also an agent of change for our members. We do this through our work in government advocacy, education through events and programs, networking, promotion of member businesses, and recognition through awards. We are proud to have worked together over these many years to build a meaningful association that enriches our community and look forward to continuing that good work.

For more information, visit www.novachamber.org.