

Class of 2011 Yearbook: The Honorees



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COOLEST CURRENT PROJECT: "We're looking at ways to enable our end users to bring their own client hardware. We're evaluating policy enforcement and advanced network access control technologies, as well as the current virtual desktop offerings. Ultimately, I'd love to reduce the amount of hardware in my refresh cycle."

QUICK-ROI PROJECT: "Our providers can now integrate their electronic medical records and Outlook calendars, and access the information on their company-issued smartphones. Using GPS data and the location of their next appointment, they now receive turn-by-turn directions and real-time traffic alerts, easily saving them 15 minutes daily."

HOW ARE YOU BUILDING AN IT DEPARTMENT FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS? "I encourage creativity, logical thought and constant learning. In a small shop, no one has the luxury of being a specialist. We live on the leading edge, so professional development is a given -- but beyond that, we all need to understand how individual pieces fit into the environment we've deployed."