Eaton Entrepreneurial Award

Lyman D. Eaton II (BS 1974) and Joyce A. Eaton established the Eaton Entrepreneur of the Year Award for an alumnus/a of the College who has excelled in entrepreneurial activities during his/her career. The recipient is presented with an engraved plaque and recognized at a public function.

Eaton Entrepreneur of the Year Award Selection Guidelines:

0. The winner must have excelled in the area of entrepreneurial activity by starting or growing a company/commercial enterprise in a significant manner.
0. The Dean of the College of Pharmacy and/or his/her nominee will determine the winner.
0. The winner must be able to travel to campus and receive the award and deliver a lecture relating to entrepreneurial activity to the Dean’s Executive Forum class in the spring semester.

2020 Eaton Entrepreneur
John Zehner (BS 1991)

A career built leading multiple start-ups and mergers related to pharmaceuticals, imaging equipment and radiation producing equipment. Experience in drug development activities. Has a history of identifying and acting upon unique business opportunities. A licensed Nuclear Pharmacist from Purdue University who interacts regularly with the DOE and has hands on experience with regulations related to the FDA, NRC, various state boards of pharmacy and multiple state departments of health. Experience in the US and Europe. Constantly seeks to expand knowledge of radiology related products and services with a focus on radiopharmaceuticals.

Previous Award Recipients

2019: Nathan Gabhart (BS 1998)  
2013: Hamid Abbaspour (BS 1985)  
2013: Alisa Wright (BS 1987)  
2012: Katie MacFarlane Phillips (BS 1988, PharmD 1989)  
2011: Rick Rondinelli (BS 1980)  
2010: Barry Hart (BS 1990)  
2009: Marcel Sassola (BS 1983)
2008: Jeff (BS 1997) and Angela (BS 1997, PharmD 1998) Jackson
2007: John (BS 1999) and Tara (BS 1999) Voliva