Avnet’s Steve Phillips Inducted into CIO Magazine’s CIO Hall of Fame

Recognized for Avnet’s proven track record in using information technology to drive innovation and advance business goals

PHOENIX—(BUSINESS WIRE)—Avnet, Inc. (NYSE:AVT), a leading global technology distributor, today announced that its CIO, Steve Phillips, was selected as a 2015 inductee to the CIO Hall of Fame from CIO magazine. The CIO Hall of Fame honors established information technology (IT) executives and visionaries whose leadership has significantly impacted the field of IT.

Phillips joined Avnet as CIO in 2005, following the company’s acquisition of electronics distributor Memec. Under Phillips’ leadership, the firm has provided highly scaled IT that has empowered Avnet to continually meet the evolving needs of its customers, employees and suppliers. They have been at the forefront of Avnet’s capabilities in big data [2] and analytics, bring your own device (BYOD), digital business and Green IT [1]. Phillips and his team have also led the IT integration of more than 50 companies around the world, assisting Avnet in expanding its global footprint.

“Steve and his team have strategically leveraged IT to accelerate Avnet’s success over the last decade,” said Rick Hamada [3], CEO, Avnet, Inc. “This prestigious recognition further validates Avnet’s business-centric IT strategy and culture of innovation. We applaud Steve and his team for their vital role in helping Avnet grow profitably, expand our capabilities, enhance customer service and increase operational efficiencies.”

Phillips also embraces Avnet’s commitment to making a difference in the communities where the company’s employees live, work and play. From 2008-2011, he served as the chairman of the Arizona Technology Council, a trade association, where he helped support the Arizona Competitiveness Package that encourages businesses to invest in jobs and facilities in Arizona. Phillips is currently furthering the partnership between academia and the IT industry as a member of the Executive Advisory Board for the Information Systems Department of the W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. He also is chairman of the board for Wick Communications – a U.S.-based news and specialty publications company.

“You named to the CIO Hall of Fame is a reflection of the incredible teamwork among Avnet’s employees and our consistent focus on helping Avnet and our customers achieve their business goals,” said Phillips. “We’ve worked in partnership to create a highly collaborative and hard-working environment, where IT is a competitive advantage for our company, customers and suppliers. I deeply appreciate the dedication of our employees around the world who strive each day to find new and innovative ways to grow and improve.”

The CIO Hall of Fame was first created in 1997 to spotlight 12 outstanding IT leaders who had significantly contributed to and profoundly influenced the IT discipline, the use of technology in business and the advancement of the CIO role. Ten years later, in 2007, CIO inducted its second class of honorees into the CIO Hall of Fame during CIO’s 20th anniversary celebration. CIO continues to showcase this elite group of CIOs—now numbering 78—during the CIO Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

“Entrance into the CIO Hall of Fame is the mark of a distinguished, highly respected career in IT, and the men and women chosen for this honor are carefully vetted by our alumni judges,” says Maryfran Johnson, editor in chief, CIO magazine & events. “Since our first class of honorees in 1997, each new group represents IT leadership at its very best. The five outstanding CIOs chosen this year are transforming businesses with technology, collaborating across the C-Suite, and demonstrating the kind of innovative spirit that inspires us all.”

The CIO Hall of Fame awards ceremony will take place on August 11, 2015, which will be held during The CIO 100 Symposium [7] at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs.


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