

## Upstate Capital Awards

Upstate Capital is now accepting nominations for our 3rd Annual Awards Celebration, recognizing outstanding companies and transaction professionals from across New York State.

- 1. Investment of the Year** - Given to companies that had a transaction between November 1, 2017 and October 31, 2018. We will consider Upstate New York transactions, defined as anywhere in New York State outside the 5 boroughs of NYC and Long Island. Criteria for winning include impact on local and regional investment ecosystem, impact on local community, and size and scope of transaction. There will be multiple awards in each of several sectors, including:
  - Emerging High Tech - hardware/software, cleantech, drones and UAS, medtech
  - Software - platforms, SaaS, gaming
  - Food/beverage/agtech
  - Manufacturing
- 2. Dealmaker of the Year** - awards given to individuals who are actively working on financing transactions, including seed, venture and private equity investors, commercial bankers, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers and consultants. Criteria for winning include number of transactions, and impact of 1 or more specific transactions on local and regional community.
  - Buffalo & Western NY
  - Rochester & Finger Lakes & Southern Tier
  - Syracuse, Central NY
  - Albany, Capital District, North Country & Hudson Valley
- 3. Lifetime Achievement Award** - 1 award to a person who has had a significant impact on the investment ecosystem over several years. Nominees will be nearing the end of his/her career, already retired, or the award may be given in memoriam.

### Submissions

Submissions for each nomination must include the following:

- Executive summary of the nomination, highlighting aspects of the individual's experience or the specific transaction that make it deserving of recognition. This summary should not exceed 250 words.
- Contact names and emails for the nominee, lead deal sponsor and company CEO if applicable
- Approximate date, amount of the transaction and industry sector

Submit nomination and all documentation through the [online nomination form](#) or by email ([noa@upstatecapital.org](mailto:noa@upstatecapital.org)) to Noa Simons, Executive Director, by **Monday, November 5, 2018**.