

COPPIN "HEROES" RECOGNIZED AS LAUREATES BY THE 2009 COMPUTERWORLD HONORS PROGRAM

Two of Coppin State University's leaders in Information Technology, Prasad Doddanna and Thomas Smith III, have been nominated and selected as Laureates in IDG's Computerworld Honors Program.

Founded by International Data Group (IDG) in 1988, the Computerworld Honors Program is governed by the not-for-profit Computerworld Information Technology Awards Foundation. In its 21st year, Computerworld Honors is the longest running global program to honor individuals and organizations that use information technology to benefit society.

Each year, the program's Chairmen's Committee, a group of 100 Chairmen/CEOs of global technology companies, nominates individuals and organizations around the world whose visionary application of information technology promotes positive social and economic progress. Nominations are evaluated by an independent board of CIO-level judges who select Laureates, Finalists and award recipients, in 10 industry-related categories, to be honored at the Laureate Medal Ceremony. This year's ceremony and accompanying Gala Awards Evening will take place on June 1, 2009 at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

Prasad Doddanna, Director of Information Systems, is recognized for his leadership in the implementation of the Business Intelligence system. Thomas R. Smith III, Director of Campus Network Services, is recognized for his leadership on the Data Storage Infrastructure Project.

For more information on the Computerworld Honors Program, visit their website at <u>www.cwhonors.org</u>.