

Digital Culture Group Dominates Awards Season With Wins in Al Innovation

Adweek Tech Stack Awards Recognize
DCG's ARI-Driven Success with Edmond's
Honor Bourbon

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-- Digital Culture Group (DCG), the
award-winning ad tech innovator
redefining how advertisers and
agencies engage modern audiences, is
closing out a milestone year defined by
industry recognition across Al
innovation, media strategy, and
executive leadership. As the advertising
ecosystem rethinks how to balance



Dia Simms and Crystal Foote

performance, privacy, and inclusivity, DCG has emerged as a standout—offering a new blueprint for what emotionally intelligent, future-ready technology can look like.

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Dia Simms, Co-Founder and Board Chair of Pronghorn deeper audience connection," said Crystal Foote, Founder and Head of Partnerships at Digital Culture Group. "Too much of advertising is reactive. ARI helps brands understand emotional drivers up front so they can lead with relevance, not assumptions. That's the future of media—and it's already here."

DCG's proprietary platform, Audience Resonance Index™ (ARI), earned dual recognition this year as a breakthrough in Al-powered advertising from:

☐ Adweek's inaugural Adweek Tech Stack Awards for the Strategic AI / Platform category, which celebrates Al-driven platforms that deliver strategic—not just

tactical—transformation across organizations. ARI was recognized for its campaign with Edmond's Honor, in which the platform drove 3.2x higher mid-funnel volume and 6x longer

dwell times, exemplifying how cultural insight can directly drive performance.

Digiday's Technology Awards as the 2025 Best Al Tool, which honors Al solutions that most effectively address specific tasks or functionalities, helping users accomplish business objectives. This recognition affirms ARI's role in advancing a more inclusive, predictive, and emotionally intelligent future for advertising.

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DCG and its ARI platform were also named finalists at the 2025 Digiday Awards for Best Internal Use of AI and AI Leader of the Year, further validating the platform's transformative role within the organization and across the industry.

Foote's personal impact has mirrored the company's rise. This year, she was named one of Ad Age's Leading Women and selected as a She Runs It "Changing the Game" honoree—individual accolades that underscore her influence at the intersection of innovation, leadership, and cultural change.

At the She Runs It ceremony, Foote was honored in the No Apologies category, which celebrates visionaries who create entirely new business models or reshape market dynamics. Her recognition as one of Ad Age's Leading Women highlighted her bold entrance into the ad tech space, launching the Company with just \$300, a LinkedIn post, and her influence as a founder, building a purpose-driven company that is redefining how brands engage through consumer culture.

With a growing portfolio of clients, data partnerships, and category-defining AI capabilities, DCG is poised to scale its mission: turning cultural resonance into measurable growth.

To learn more about ARI and Digital Culture Group's culture-first approach to advertising innovation, visit digitalculture.group or contact hello@digitalculture.group to request a demo. To learn more about Pronghorn and Edmond's Honor, contact adrienne.alexander@pronghorn.co

About Digital Culture Group (DCG)

Digital Culture Group is an NMSDC and WBENC-certified ad tech company powering authentic audience connections through data, culture, and innovation. We help advertisers and agencies uncover untapped insights, craft resonant strategies, and activate media that deliver lasting impact. Our evolving platform is built by bold thinkers and driven by a culture-first approach, fusing emotional intelligence with data precision to navigate an increasingly complex digital world. From enterprise brands to emerging disruptors, we deliver big-picture thinking and measurable results at every stage. Get in touch to learn more at hello@digitalculture.group.

Edmond's Honor is an ultra-premium bourbon whiskey that delivers an exceptional experience in every glass. Crafted with meticulous artistry and enriched with Madagascar vanilla extract-soaked cognac casks, our bourbon offers a distinctive and sophisticated taste. Inspired by the untold story of Edmond Albius, a Malagasy botanist who revolutionized vanilla cultivation, Edmond's Honor celebrates the richness of history and the power of artistry and discovery. Barrel-aged to perfection, each pour invites exploration and connection with the past while enhancing appreciation for the present. Edmond's Honor is a tribute to the art of bourbon—a story in every pour. For more information and to learn more about Edmond's Honor, please visit www.edmondshonor.com.

ABOUT PRONGHORN

Pronghorn is a standalone business focused on creating a template for effectively diversifying any industry. Starting with the spirits industry, Pronghorn is laying the groundwork to develop a scalable methodology that can be applied to other industries and communities in the future. By leveraging capital investment, incubation, and recruitment initiatives, Pronghorn is actively building this template by accelerating access to the spirits industry for underrepresented businesses and individuals. Co-founded by industry veterans Dia Simms, Erin J. Hall, and Dan Sanborn, Pronghorn embodies the endurance and speed of its namesake, the fastest land mammal in North America. Pronghorn believes that creating meaningful, lasting change is a marathon, not a sprint. For more information and to learn more about Pronghorn, please visit: https://www.pronghorn.co/

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