

# Bitcoin Makes History: The Satos Awards Names Its First Community-Voted Winners

*For the first time in Bitcoin's history, the people who built this movement have an official record.*

LAS VEGAS, NV, UNITED STATES, May 6, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- For 15 years, Bitcoin has built a global movement. The people who built it had no permanent home for recognition. Until now.

On April 29, 2026, during Bitcoin Conference week in Las Vegas, [The Satos Awards](#) named its inaugural class of winners across 21 categories - the first time in Bitcoin's history the community itself determined who deserves to be remembered. Votes were cast across 34 countries, in the first global community vote dedicated exclusively to Bitcoin recognition.

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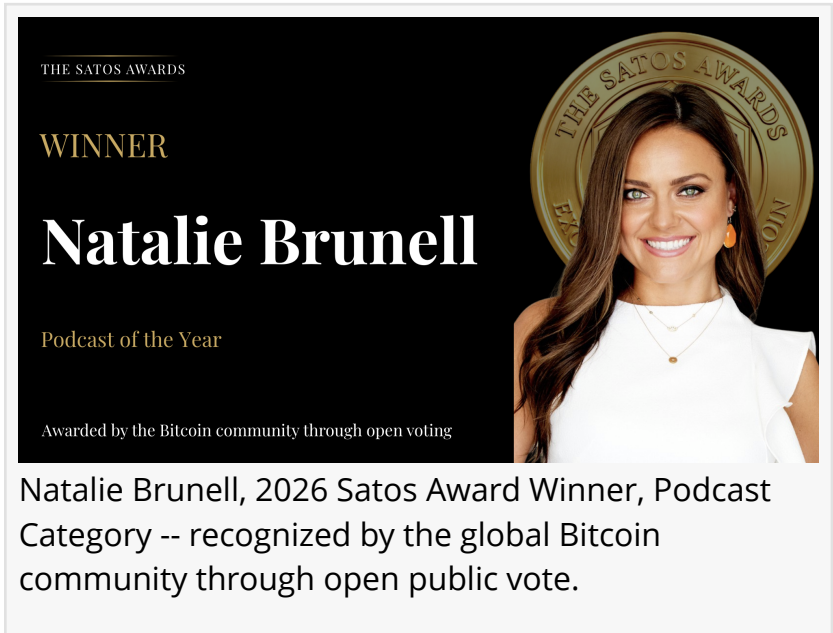
*Natalie Brunell, 2026 Satos Awards Winner*

The inaugural class also includes the Sovereign Leadership Award, presented to President Nayib Bukele of El Salvador in recognition of his historic decision to make Bitcoin legal tender - the first nation-state in the world to do so.

"History remembers movements. The Satos Awards makes sure it remembers the people who built this one," said Heather Richmond, Founder and Executive Producer of The Satos Awards.

"Being recognized by the Bitcoin community means

everything to me. This is a community built on conviction, hard truths, and a shared belief that fixing the money can change lives. To be honored by the people doing the work to build this future is the greatest privilege, and it only makes me want to work harder to bring more people into Bitcoin."



Natalie Brunell, 2026 Satos Award Winner, Podcast Category -- recognized by the global Bitcoin community through open public vote.

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All 21 categories were determined entirely by public vote from the global Bitcoin community. The Satos Awards is built on the Philosophy of 21 - 21 award categories and a Satos Council designed to mirror Bitcoin's fixed supply of 21 million.

The builders, educators, and leaders who shaped this movement now have a permanent record of recognition.

[The inaugural Satos Council](#) includes Ben Perrin (BTC Sessions), Efrat Fenigson, Susie Violet Ward, Peter McCormack, and Don Tsell, among others - respected voices from across the global Bitcoin community.

### [2026 OFFICIAL WINNERS](#)

The inaugural class represents the builders, leaders, educators, and community voices who made Bitcoin what it is today.

#### LEADERSHIP

Global Leadership: Michael Saylor  
Lifetime Achievement: Michael Saylor

#### TECHNICAL & INFRASTRUCTURE

Open-Source Contribution: SeedSigner  
Lightning & Scaling: Lightning Labs  
Infrastructure: BTCPay Server  
Mining & Energy: Abundant Mines

#### PRODUCT & SECURITY

Security & Privacy: Cake Wallet  
Bitcoin Wallet of the Year: Cake Wallet



Michael Saylor, 2026 Satos Award Winner, Global Leadership and Lifetime Achievement -- recognized by the global Bitcoin community through open public vote.



Heather Richmond, Founder of The Satos Awards, presents the 2026 Satos Award to the Cake Wallet team, recognized by the Bitcoin community as winners in Security & Privacy and Bitcoin Wallet of the Year.

## INSTITUTIONAL & ENTERPRISE

Institutional Adoption: Metaplanet

Enterprise Innovation: Metaplanet

Financial Infrastructure: BTC Pay Server

Bitcoin Company of the Year: Strategy

## MEDIA & CULTURE

Media & Journalism: Bitcoin Magazine

Podcast: Natalie Brunell

Education: Saifedean Ammous

Cultural Impact: Metaplanet

## COMMUNITY & GLOBAL

Human Rights: Human Rights Foundation

Emerging Markets: Bitcoin for Fairness

Community Leadership: Bitcoin Bay Foundation

## BUILDER & INNOVATION

Builder of the Year: SatoshiLabs

Innovator of the Year: SatoshiLabs

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Cultural Recognition: Collect & Hodl - Statue of Satoshi

Sovereign Leadership: President Nayib Bukele, El Salvador

## WHAT COMES NEXT

The Satos Awards is built to last. Following its inaugural global event in Las Vegas, regional programs are in development across Europe, Asia, Latin America, and MENA. The next full U.S. recognition event returns in 2027.

## ABOUT THE SATOS AWARDS

The Satos Awards is the first permanent global recognition platform for Bitcoin excellence. Founded by Heather Richmond, Executive Producer of Creative Strategy Studios, The Satos Awards is built on the Philosophy of 21 - 21 award categories and a Satos Council designed to mirror Bitcoin's fixed supply of 21 million. [thesatosawards.com](https://thesatosawards.com)

The record has begun.



Heather Richmond of The Satos Awards presents the 2026 Satos Award to Beau Turner, Owner of Abundant Mines, winner of Mining & Energy, recognized by the global Bitcoin community through open public vote.

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Heather Richmond of The Satos Awards presents the 2026 Satos Award to Uncle Rockstar of BTCPay Server, winner of Infrastructure and Financial Infrastructure, recognized by the global Bitcoin community through open public vote.

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