

Devananda Sreekanth selected as Rising Tech Innovator of the Year by IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) will honor Devananda Sreekanth at their Annual Awards Gala in NYC at the Plaza Hotel

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, September 14, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- [Devananda Sreekanth](#) was recently selected as Rising Tech Innovator of the Year for 2026 by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to the industry. The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP), a leading global professional organization known for its prestigious annual [awards gala](#) and exclusive vetting process, honors only the most accomplished and influential professionals each year.



Being selected as an award recipient within the IAOTP is a prestigious achievement; only a select group of distinguished professionals earn this elite membership each year. Honorees are chosen for their professional excellence, academic accomplishments, leadership capabilities, longevity in their field, meaningful affiliations, and contributions to their communities. All recipients are invited to attend IAOTP's annual awards gala at the end of the year, a celebration dedicated to honoring the achievements of these top professionals.

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New to her industry, Ms. Devananda has certainly proven herself an expert at her young age. As a dynamic, results-driven emerging technology professional, Ms. Devananda is pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Computer Science at Kennesaw State University, where she maintains a 4.0 GPA. She has a passion for AI, coding, and building projects that combine research and

creativity. Her projects include adaptive quiz generation, AI music generation, AI chatbots, Retrieval-Augmented Generation systems, and full-stack AI applications. Through the research, hackathons, and application development in the university AI labs, she has applied these skills to educational AI systems, adaptive learning and interview-preparation tools, recommendation systems, conversational AI, and other interactive AI applications. Recently, she won First Place in the Best Ground-Up Model category in UGA Hacks at the University of Georgia, Athens, for her team's AI-powered real-time ASL translation and communication application.

As a Student AI Assistant and undergraduate researcher at Kennesaw State University, she has authored four peer-reviewed papers focusing on AI-based learning systems and AI

music generation and has presented at Kennesaw's C-Day conference twice. Her publications include research presented through IEEE Frontiers in Education (FIE) on adaptive quiz generation and an Agentic AI Quiz-Based Learning System, as well as research involving AI music generation presented through International Conference on New Music Concepts (ICNMC) and published in the International Journal of Music Science, Technology, and Art (IJMSTA), including work involving Meta's MusicGen fine-tuning. Her research and development experience has given her hands-on exposure to Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), AI Agents, Prompt Engineering, Context Engineering, model evaluation, and optimization.

Through on-campus selection, she has also gained industry experience as an AI Software Engineer Intern at a leading investment bank, where she worked in a team on an agentic AI recommendation system for personalized content. The experience allowed her to apply AI engineering, software development, data integration, and collaborative development practices within a large-scale professional enterprise environment.

Throughout her academic and emerging professional career, Ms. Devananda has received several awards and recognitions for her accomplishments. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA and earned a place on the President's List for six consecutive semesters at Kennesaw State University. This year, she will be considered for The Empowered Woman Award and a feature in TIP (Top Industry Professionals) Magazine. Even more, she will be honored at IAOTP's annual awards gala at the iconic Plaza Hotel in New York City this December for her selection as Rising Tech Innovator of the Year for 2026.



The President of the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP), Stephanie Ciriaco, stated: "Choosing Ms. Devananda Sreekanth for this honor was an easy decision for our panel to make. She is inspirational, influential, and a true visionary and thought leader. We cannot wait to meet her and celebrate her accomplishments at this year's gala."

Looking back, Devananda attributes her success to persistence and mentors she had along the way. As a hobby, she enjoys dancing, singing, cooking, playing the keyboard, and painting. Being creative is a big part of who she is, and she likes bringing that energy into her projects too. She even has become Miss India Georgia runner up in 2025 IACA Beauty Pageants show. In the future, she looks forward to expanding her knowledge and experience in her profession. For more information please visit: www.iaotp.com

About IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) is an international boutique networking organization that selects the world's most distinguished and accomplished professionals across a wide range of industries. These elite professionals are provided opportunities to collaborate, share insights, serve as keynote speakers, and inspire others within their fields. Membership is not open to the general public. Candidates must be personally invited by the President or nominated by an esteemed honorary member following a brief interview.

IAOTP's experts have recognized and credentialed thousands of top-tier professionals worldwide, helping them strengthen their personal brands and expand their influence. The organization prides itself on being a one-of-a-kind boutique network that handpicks only the most exceptional individuals and brings them together on a premier platform designed to foster meaningful connections and professional growth. IAOTP remains one of the most elite and highly respected professional recognition organizations in the world.

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