



## **PADT Recognized for its Contribution to Arizona's Tech Community with Two Awards: Top Tech Exec by Phoenix Business Journal and Special AZBio Award**

*PADT Co-founder Eric Miller Honored in the CEO Category by the Phoenix Business Journal and PADT's 25 Years of Contributions Recognized by AZBio*

**TEMPE, Ariz. - Oct. 8, 2019** - [PRLog](#) -- [PADT](#), a leader in numerical simulation, product development, and 3D printing, is honored to announce that Principal and Co-founder, Eric Miller, is a winner of the *Phoenix Business Journal's* 2019 [Top Tech Exec Award](#) in the CEO category. On the heels of that honor, the state's bioscience industry organization, [AZBio](#), recognized the contributions PADT has made to the local medical technology community over the past 25 years with a special trophy presented at the 2019 [AZBio Awards](#) ceremony on October 2, 2019.

### **PBJ Top Tech Exec Award**

"Thank you to the *Phoenix Business Journal* for recognizing our dedication to Phoenix's innovation landscape," said Miller. "We work hard to ensure the success of our clients, and I'm extremely proud of the company my co-founders and I have built together here at PADT. When our clients and employees are happy, there's no limit to what we can achieve."

Each year, the *Phoenix Business Journal* recognizes individuals for their involvement and influence in the technology industry with the AZ Top Tech Exec Awards. Miller was selected for his role in establishing PADT as an integral part of the local manufacturing ecosystem, providing market-leading numerical simulation tools from ANSYS, Inc., and the 3D printing systems from Stratasys across the Southwest.

PADT also assists companies through engineering consulting for design, test, and simulation and is the state's largest provider of 3D printing services. Companies come to PADT for the tools and consulting they need to design and manufacture better products.

In addition to PADT's extensive business victories, Miller was also chosen as a result of his continuous involvement in the Phoenix technology community. Miller is an angel investor with Arizona Tech Investors, and he frequently lends his time to advise entrepreneurs. He is also an active mentor for ACA's Venture Ready Program and was recently named Vice-Chair of the Arizona Technology Council's Board of Directors. He is also on the board of directors of BioAccel and is a regular guest contributor of articles on technology, business, and the local tech scene to the *Phoenix Business Journal*.

"Congratulations to Eric Miller and all of the 2019 Top Tech Execs," said Ray Schey, market president and publisher, *Phoenix Business Journal*. "Eric is one of the key contributors to the Valley's incredible growth in the technology sector. This recognition is acknowledgement of his, and the work of the other talented tech execs, in the industry. Arizona is being noticed both nationally and internationally for its innovation and growth in technology."

### **AZBio Recognition**

During the 2019 AZBio Awards, the Arizona Bioindustry Association recognized PADT's 25th anniversary

with a special award in recognition of the contribution the company has made to Arizona's biotechnology community. It was a special honor for PADT to receive the iconic double-double helix trophy that PADT has been 3-D printing for the AZBio awards for eight years.

"Since it was founded in Arizona in 1994, PADT's dedicated employees have provided their knowledge of innovation and enthusiasm for collaboration to advance our common goal of making Arizona a top-tier bioscience state," said Joan Koerber-Walker, president and CEO, AZBio. "It was a privilege to recognize this trail-blazing company that's grown to be the largest of its kind in the Southwest for its contributions."

Although PADT provides products and services to companies across industries, the Bioscience sector has been a special focus of the company because of its disproportionately positive impact on the overall community. PADT's involvement in groups like AZBio is way for the company to amplify its impact.

"PADT Co-founder Mark Johnson started our special commitment to the medical device industry and our contributions to the bioscience community early in the company's history," said Rob Rowan, director of Engineering, PADT. "Although Mark is unfortunately no longer with us, we continue to execute on his vision of bringing aerospace quality engineering to the medical sector, helping companies large and small translate their innovative ideas into viable products that improve patient outcomes across applications."

#### **About Eric Miller**

As a Co-founder of PADT in 1994, Miller was able to pursue his interests in simulation, 3D printing, operations, and small business management. He is often called upon to write and speak on simulation, design, and 3D Printing as well as on startups and the high-tech sector. In addition, Miller is a board member for several tech-related organizations and Vice-Chair of the Arizona Technology Council. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from UC Berkeley.

#### **About PADT**

PADT is an engineering product and services company that focuses on helping customers who develop physical products by providing Numerical Simulation, Product Development, and 3D Printing solutions. PADT's worldwide reputation for technical excellence and experienced staff is based on its proven record of building long-term win-win partnerships with vendors and customers. Since its establishment in 1994, companies have relied on PADT because "We Make Innovation Work." With over 90 employees, PADT services customers from its headquarters at the Arizona State University Research Park in Tempe, Arizona, and from offices in Torrance, California, Littleton, Colorado, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Austin, Texas, and Murray, Utah, as well as through staff members located around the country. More information on PADT can be found at [www.PADTINC.com](http://www.PADTINC.com).

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