DENVER - CSU cleaned up Thursday at the inaugural Colorado Cleantech Industry Association Cleantech Research Awards the Denver Museum of Nature and Science as four of the eight winners hailed from Colorado State University.

The CCIA awards are intended to honor leading cleantech Colorado researchers in the fields of science and engineering working to make the state and nation cleaner and economically stronger, according to David Hiller, executive director of the Colorado Collaboratory.

Award winners came from the Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University and the University of Colorado.

"Putting the spotlight on these remarkable individuals and their contributions to Colorado’s economy is part of our mission and we’re excited to present this event today," said Christine Shapard, CCIA executive director in a prepared statement. "These men and women are making an impact both in Colorado and globally. By successfully commercializing their research, they are helping Colorado maintain its prominence in the international cleantech arena and we are genuinely grateful."

Winners, chosen based on a combination of factors including number of disclosures, patents, companies created, federal and private funding received and other entrepreneurial efforts, from CSU included: Chuck Henery, Amy Prieto, W.S. Sampath and Bryan Willson.

In addition to winning an award, Sampath, founder of Abound...
Solar, formerly AVA Solar, and director of the CSU Materials Engineering Lab, served as the event's keynote speaker.

Colorado Cleantech Industry Association's Celebrate Cleantech Research Award winners

> Excellence in Bio-Derived Technology Commercialization - Al Weimer, University of Colorado Boulder
> Excellence in Clean Transportation Technology Commercialization - Bryan Willson, Colorado State University
> Excellence in Energy Efficiency Technology Commercialization - Gregor Henze, University of Colorado Boulder
> Excellence in Storage Technology Commercialization - Amy Prieto, Colorado State University
> Excellence in Smart Grid Technology Commercialization - Bob Erickson, University of Colorado Boulder
> Excellence in Solar Technology Commercialization - W.S. Sampath, Colorado State University
> Excellence in Water Technology Commercialization - Chuck Henry, Colorado State University
> Excellence in Wind Technology Commercialization - Kathryn Johnson, Colorado School of Mines

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