SS Civil Engineering student wins ‘One to Watch’ Golden Spider Award

Liam Ryan, one of TCD’s final year Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering students, was awarded the ‘One to Watch’ Eircom Golden Spider Award (http://eircomspiders.ie) on Thursday, 18th November for a new business venture, SafeText Ltd. which Liam and pal Chris Rooney set up in September, 2009. The awards evening, hosted by deadpan comedian, Jimmy Carr, took place in the Burlington Hotel with over 700 in attendance.

The Eircom Spider Awards have been dubbed the Oscars of the digital world and they not only recognise online excellence and innovation they also unique platform to highlight emerging trends and future potential growth sectors. The Awards are the longest standing Internet awards in Ireland.

SafeText.ie was up against widely known businesses including Just Mobile, AutoDirect and MediaContact in this category which highlighted the most innovative, indigenous websites launched in the last twelve months.

The judges’ commented on the service by saying: ‘Novel, brilliantly implemented, gorgeous to look at, and easy to use, the winners site also provides a genuinely useful free service that will make lots of peoples’ lives better. It also cleverly and seamlessly combines internet and SMS technologies. What’s not to like? This site is the real deal: one to watch.’

For further information, please visit http://safetext.ie or for a detailed Press Release, please visit http://safetextblog.posterous.com/entrepreneurs-before-graduation and for related press coverage, please see http://www.independent.ie/education/going-to-college/tcdrsquos-student-entrepreneur-on-message-2490375.html

Pictured at the Eircom Golden Spider Award ceremony on Thursday, 18th November are (l to r) TV3’s Peter Clerkin, Chris Rooney and TCD’s final year Civil Engineering student Liam Ryan