

Two Vecna Robotics Leaders Recognized as 2023 Women in Supply Chain Winners for Outstanding Contributions to Software Innovation and Operations Excellence

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Operations Director Nikki Slaughter honored for improving customer throughput via the company's Pivotal™ Command Center; Robotics Software Engineer Janani Mohan recognized for boosting system performance by 15% in the latest software release.

WALTHAM, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **Vecna Robotics**, the leader in flexible material handling automation solutions, today announced that two of its leaders – Nikki Slaughter and Janani Mohan – have been named Supply and Demand Chain Executive and Food Logistics' 2023 Women in Supply Chain Award winners for their contributions in software and mentorship. This award honors female supply chain executives whose accomplishments, mentorship, and examples set a foundation for women in all levels of a company's supply chain network.

"We are thrilled to honor the impact these professionals have had on both critical business processes and the wider supply chain industry," said Craig Malloy, CEO of Vecna Robotics. "As a company, we have cultivated a culture that encourages curiosity, embraces diverse perspectives, and prioritizes customer success through both automation excellence and trusted relationships."

Recently promoted to Director of Post-Deployment Operations, Nikki Slaughter drives continuous improvement projects for Vecna Robotics' comprehensive fleet of autonomous mobile robots (AMRs) and runs the company's industry-leading 24/7/365 Pivotal™ Command Center that continuously monitors all Vecna robots for quality, safety, and performance in real-time. She leads internal workshops that improve customer training to ensure

customers are maximizing the AMRs' full capabilities, such as intelligent obstacle avoidance. Nikki is also actively involved with Vecna's Human Resources department's efforts to expand the reach of its talent to underserved communities. Additionally, she volunteers in her local Boston community at Medford Vocational High School where she promotes female engagement with the tech industry through higher education and the professional workforce. Nikki was also named a recipient of the **2023 Built In: Moxie Women in Tech Award** for her commitment to innovation in tech.

Janani Mohan is a Staff Robotics Software Engineer and was an active contributor to the company's latest major software release that included upgrades to robot uptime, dynamic payload handling, and docking improvements that have resulted in a 15% improvement in system performance since its release in August 2023. Also, Janani has been an instrumental contributor to the **massive throughput gains in case picking at GEODIS that the company announced at ProMat 2023** earlier this year. As part of her efforts to contribute to a more diverse and equitable supply chain workforce, Janani also leads various initiatives focused on elevating underserved communities both internally at Vecna Robotics and externally in the local Boston community.

"At Vecna Robotics, we fully recognize that diversity of perspectives is a superpower applied to how we innovate every day," said Zac Dydek, Chief Technology Officer at Vecna Robotics. "Thanks to the tireless work of contributors like Nikki Slaughter and Janani Mohan, our latest major software release and updates to our Pivotal™ Command Center have already provided measurable performance gains across our entire customer base."

To learn more about Vecna Robotics' Pivotal™ Command Center and the benefits of remote monitoring, register for our upcoming **"Material Handling Automation MythBusters"** webinar on October 27, 2023 at 11am ET.

To learn more about how Vecna Robotics can automate your critical operations workflows, go to **www.vecnarobotics.com**.

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About Vecna Robotics

Vecna Robotics is an award-winning flexible, intelligent material handling automation company with solutions engineered for seamless work between autonomous mobile robots (AMR) and the labor, equipment, facilities, and systems that make business go. Our self-driving forklifts, pallet trucks, pallet jacks and tuggers -- powered by Vecna's **Pivotal™** orchestration software and 24/7/365 Command Center -- help distribution, warehousing, and manufacturing organizations automate their most critical workflows, maximize throughput and scale operations fast. For more information, visit www.vecnarobotics.com. Follow us on **Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X, and LinkedIn**.

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