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EY Announces Finalists for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2015 Southeast Program

Twenty-nine entrepreneurs named finalists in the Southeast Program

EY today announced the finalists for the Entrepreneur Of The Year 2015 Southeast Program, which includes Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. The prestigious awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. The business leaders were selected by a panel of independent judges.

“We are very lucky to have such an incredible group of entrepreneurs to represent the Southeast Program in this global awards program,” said Brad Duncan, EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Southeast Program Principal. “All of the finalists clearly demonstrate how important their role is in the business world, while continuing to innovate and achieve success. We look forward to highlighting their achievements at the award gala.”

Award recipients will be announced for the first time at a black-tie awards gala on June 24 at the Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum in Nashville, Tennessee.

The finalists by category are:

Distribution and Manufacturing

Cordia Wilkinson Harrington, The Bun Companies, *Nashville, TN*
Charles Lingenfelter, Industrial Distribution Group Corporation, *Belmont, NC*
Chad Martin, Eco-Energy Global Biofuels, LLC, *Franklin, TN*

Emerging

Stanley Mark Bevis, Fast Pace Urgent Care, *Brentwood, TN*
Scott Damron, Castle Medical, LLC, *Smyrna, GA*
Edward James Schutter, Arbor Pharmaceuticals, *Atlanta, GA*

Family Business

Brian Eason, Quality Iron Fabricators, Inc., *Memphis, TN*
Satya Tiwari, Surya, *Calhoun, GA*
Edward Innes Weisiger, Jr., CTE, *Charlotte, NC*

Financial Services

Casey Crawford, Movement Mortgage, *Charlotte, NC*
Asif Ramji, Paymetric, *Roswell, GA*
Ron L. Samuels, Avenue Bank, *Nashville, TN*

Health Care & Life Sciences

Joey A. Jacobs, Acadia Healthcare, Inc., *Franklin, TN*
Parker H. Petit, MiMedx Group, Inc., *Marietta, GA*
Chris Porter and Jeff Williams, Clinipace Worldwide, *Morrisville, NC*

Hospitality and Retail

Richard A. Brooks, Express Oil Change & Tire Engineers, *Birmingham, AL*
L. Reade Fahs and Bruce Steffey, National Vision, Inc., *Duluth, GA*
Marcia Miller, Mud Pie, *Stone Mountain, GA*

Services

Mark Claypool, Educational Services of America, *Nashville, TN*
Vincent Oddo, Birch Communications, *Atlanta, GA*
D. Paul Thompson, Transportation Insight, *Hickory, NC*

Technology

Tim W. Estes, Digital Reasoning, *Franklin, TN*
Monty Hamilton, Rural Sourcing, Inc., *Atlanta, GA*
David Northington, Cloud Sherpas, *Atlanta, GA*

Workplace Services

Sheila Benson, Employment Screening Services, *Birmingham, AL*
Robert Boyd, Agility Recovery Solutions, *Charlotte, NC*
Rajiv Sardana, American CyberSystems, Inc., *Duluth, GA*

Now in its 29th year, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Program has expanded globally to recognize company builders in over 145 cities and in more than 60 countries throughout the world.

Regional award recipients go on to compete at the national level. Award recipients in several national categories, as well as the National EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Overall Award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California. The awards are the culminating event of the EY Strategic Growth Forum[®], the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

Sponsors

Founded and produced by EY, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards are nationally sponsored by SAP America and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

Southeast Program sponsors include King & Spalding, Merrill Communications LLC, PNC and Vaco.

About EY Entrepreneur Of The Year[®]

EY Entrepreneur Of The Year is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The unique award makes a difference through the way it encourages entrepreneurial activity among those with potential and recognizes the contribution of people who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement. As the first and only truly global award of its kind, Entrepreneur Of The Year celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 145 cities in more than 60 countries.

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