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EY Announces Award Winners for Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2016 Orange County

Celebrating 30 years of ingenuity in America

IRVINE, CALIF. June 18, 2016 – EY is pleased to announce the winners of the [EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2016 Awards](#) in Orange County and the Inland Empire. The award winners were recognized at a gala event on June 17, 2016 at The Monarch Beach Resort in Dana Point. Hosted by Fox 11 news anchor and 16-time Emmy award winner Christine Devine, the gala was attended by more than 400 of Orange County’s elite business leaders and entrepreneurs.

Entrepreneur Of The Year, marking its 30th anniversary in the US, is the world’s most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The awards program recognizes entrepreneurs and business leaders who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in areas such as innovation, financial performance and commitment to their businesses and communities. In previous years, Entrepreneur Of The Year has recognized the inspirational leadership of such entrepreneurs as Howard Schultz of Starbucks Coffee Company, Pierre Omidyar of eBay, Inc. and Mindy Grossman of HSN. Entrepreneur Of The Year Orange County past winners include leaders from companies such as Yogurtland, Yard House Restaurants, Vizio, Inc., Edwards Lifesciences, Ambry Genetics, Mobilitie, LLC and Blizzard Entertainment, Inc.

The winning entrepreneurs were selected by an independent judging panel made up of previous winners of the award, leading CEOs, private capital investors and other regional business leaders. The EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Orange County region award recipients are:

Technology

Stuart McClure, President & CEO – Cylance Inc., Irvine

Financial Services

Rick Arvielo, Co-founder & CEO, and **Patricia Arvielo**, Co-founder & President – New American Funding, Tustin

Health & Education

Dr. Andrew Abraham, CEO – Orgain, Inc., Irvine

Professional Services

Darin Anderson, CEO – Salas O'Brien, Santa Ana

Business Services

Jerome Fink and David Kim, Managing Partners – The Bascom Group, LLC, Irvine

These entrepreneurs join 30 years of winners in the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Hall of Fame. The 2016 winners employ over 2,500 people, and are a major source of economic growth in Orange County and the Inland Empire, driving aggregate revenue of around \$1 billion.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2016 national program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award winner, will be announced at the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 19, 2016. The awards are the culminating event of the Strategic Growth Forum™, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies. The US Entrepreneur Of The Year Overall Award winner then moves on to compete for the World Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in Monaco, June 2017.

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