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EY Recognizes Business Leaders in Orange County, Inland Empire; Announces Finalists for EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2016 Award

IRVINE, CALIF. (May 11, 2016) – EY today announced the finalists for the [EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2016 Awards in Orange County and the Inland Empire](#). Now in its 30th year, the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Program recognizes exceptional business leaders in more than 145 cities in more than 60 countries. The program celebrates entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

The below business leaders were selected by a panel of independent judges, and award winners will be announced at the awards gala on June 17, 2016 at The St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort in Dana Point, Calif. They are 18 entrepreneurs representing 15 companies, employing more than 7,100 people with a combined revenue of more than \$2.3 billion.

The finalists are:

- **Agile Sourcing Partners** | Maria Thompson, President & CEO | Corona
- **American Technologies, Inc.** | Gary Moore, President | Orange
- **Autobyte Inc.** | Jeffrey Coats, President & CEO | Irvine
- **Banc of California** | Steven Sugarman, CEO, and Jeffrey Seabold, Chief Banking Officer | Irvine
- **CrowdStrike** | George Kurtz, Co-founder, President & CEO | Irvine
- **Cylance Inc.** | Stuart McClure, President & CEO | Irvine
- **Global Cash Card** | Michael Purcell, Founder, Executive VP & Chief Marketing Officer | Irvine
- **Illuminate Education** | Lane Rankin, Founder & CEO | Irvine
- **Kareo, Inc.** | Dan Rodrigues, Founder & CEO | Irvine
- **MobilityWare, Inc.** | Jeff Erle, CEO | Irvine

- **New American Funding** | Rick Arvielo, Co-founder & CEO, and Patty Arvielo, Co-founder & President | Tustin
- **Orgain, Inc.** | Andrew Abraham, CEO | Irvine
- **Proove Biosciences** | Brian Meshkin, CEO | Irvine
- **Salas O'Brien** | Darin Anderson, CEO | Santa Ana
- **The Bascom Group, LLC** | Jerome Fink and David Kim, Managing Partners | Irvine

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year national program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award winner, will be announced at the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards gala in Palm Springs, Calif., on Nov. 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 National Overall Award winner then moves on to compete for the World Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in Monaco in June 2017.

To purchase tickets for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2016 Orange County and Inland Empire Awards gala, at which the winners will be announced, or to learn more about the program, please visit ey.com/us/eoy/oc. Join the conversation on social media by following us [@EY_EOYUS](https://twitter.com/EY_EOYUS) or using [#EOYOC](https://twitter.com/EY_EOYUS).

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