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# Vern Underwood Jr., O.C. business leaders honored with EY accolades

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EY, formerly Ernst & Young, honored Orange County business leaders in at its Entrepreneur of the Year event Thursday June 11 at the St. Regis in Dana Point. Those pictured from left to right are Lifetime Achievement award recipient Vern Underwood Jr., chairman of Young's Market Co.; wholesale and retail award recipient Jeff Walker, CEO of Alliance Entertainment; financial services award recipient Joe Duran, CEO of United Capital Financial Advisers; community contribution award recipient Kim Cripe, CEO and president of Children's Hospital of Orange County; consumer products award recipient Andrew Peykoff, CEO and president of Niagara Bottling; and biotech/technology award recipient James Dunlop, co-founder and president of Ambry Genetics.

EY, formerly Ernst & Young, honored Orange County and Inland Empire business leaders Thursday at its annual Entrepreneur of the Year event at the St. Regis in Dana Point.

Among those awarded was [Vern Underwood Jr. the chairman and former president of Young's Market Company](#), a distributor of fine wines and spirits and one of the oldest continuously operating family-run businesses in the nation.

Others named in the awards ceremony include:

**Jeff Walker**, CEO of Irvine-based Alliance Entertainment, for wholesale and retail

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**Mike Mussallem**, chairman and CEO of Irvine-based Edwards Lifesciences, for healthcare products and services

**Joe Duran**, CEO of Newport Beach-based United Capital Financial Advisers, for financial services

**Kim Cripe**, CEO and president of Orange-based Children's Hospital of Orange County, for community contribution

**Andrew Peykoff II**, CEO and president of Ontario-based Niagara Bottling, for consumer products

**Charles and James Dunlop**, the co-founders and CEO and president of Aliso Viejo-based Ambry Genetics, for biotech and technology

**Lesley Garcia**, a student at El Modena High School in Orange, received a youth scholarship