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EY Announces Finalists for the Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2018 Award in East Central Program

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, MAY 3, 2018 – EY today announced the finalists for the Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2018 Award in the East Central program. The awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who are excelling in areas such as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. These business leaders were selected by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at the Cleveland Hilton Downtown Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio.

“Every year, we are impressed by the ingenuity, passion and undying optimism exuded by the entrepreneurs we meet and honor through this awards program. They don’t follow trends – they define them. EY is proud to celebrate the East Central finalists in this year’s Entrepreneur Of The Year program,” said Craig Glazier, EY’s East Central program director.

The finalists are:

- Arria Hines, Allegheny Science & Technology
- Tillie Hidalgo Lima, Best Upon Request
- Rick Miley, Broadstreet Partners, Inc.
- Steve Huey, Capture Higher Ed
- Teresa Hack, Channel Products
- Andy Kline and Yoel Mayerfeld, Chase Properties
- Greg Ubert, Crimson Cup Coffee & Tea
- Ron Leonhardt, CrossCountry Mortgage, Inc.
- John Saxon, dhlBowles
- Alex Mateikovich, Craig Sturgill and Rodolfo Marrero, Excel Impact, Inc.
- John Anoliefo, Famicos Foundation
- Ken Ganley, Ganley Auto Group
- Mona Pappafava-Ray, General Carbide
- Bill DeVille, Lair Kennedy and Ty Nelson, Health Carousel
- David Eldridge and Mike Kane, Kane & McHenry Enterprises
- Brady Duncan and Kenny McNutt, MadTree Brewing
- Anthony Sanzo, NetHealth
- Kevin Hickey, Online Stores
- Ed Kenty, Park Place Technologies
- John Leehey Payment Alliance International
- Barbara Faciana and Gino Faciana, Pleasant Valley Corporation
- Steve Smith, Plus Consulting, LLC
- Kumar Buvanendaran, PRIME AE Group, Inc.
- Joey Rivera, Rivera Group
• Brian Yeager and Michelle Yeager-Thompson, The Champion Companies
• Tim Svarczkopf, Tight Rock Solutions LLC
• Rich Ward, WARDJet, Inc.
• Joe Ferrara, Wombat Security Technologies, Inc.
• Scott Zemba and Steve Zemba, Zemba Holdings, Inc.
• Walter Lynch, Zipline Logistics

Now in its 32nd year, the program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 145 cities and more than 60 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards. 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 10, 2018. The awards are the culminating event of the Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation’s most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies. The Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award winner then moves on to compete for the EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year™ Award in Monaco in June 2019.

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In East Central, sponsors also include PNC, VRC, Oswald Companies, Smart Business Network, Chemistry Communications and Frost Brown Todd.

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