


EY announces finalists for Entrepreneur of the Year 2016 Award in Northeast Ohio



EY announces finalists for its Entrepreneur of the Year 2016 Award for Northeast Ohio. This file photo was taken during last year's winners gala. *(Marcia Pledger/Plain Dealer file photo)*

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CLEVELAND, Ohio -- EY announced the finalists for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2016 Award in the Northeast Ohio Region. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the awards program.

The award recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

These business leaders were selected by a panel of independent judges, and award winners will be announced at a gala June 9 at the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland.

The finalists are:

- Kyle Quillen & Robert Brick, Agile Networks, Canton
- Alan Rosskamm & John Zitzner, Breakthrough Schools, Cleveland
- John Fenn & Mark Campbell, Budget Dumpster, Westlake
- James Stewart, CIMA Plastics Group, Twinsburg
- Carolyn Cahlik, Coast to Coast Equipment, Valley View
- Christopher Karman, Daniel's Amish Collection, Dundee
- Howard Booher, East Manufacturing Corp., Randolph
- William Davis, ECHO Health, Inc., Westlake
- James Tu, Energy Focus, Inc., Solon
- Scott Mawaka, Fleet Response, Cleveland
- Richard Farone & David Brickner, Guardian Technologies, Euclid
- James Keene, Keene Building Products, Mayfield Heights
- Dr. Albert Green, Kent Displays, Inc., Kent
- Amy Bircher, MMI Textiles, Inc., Westlake
- Anthony Mercurio, National Interstate, Richfield
- David Bartley & John Bartley, OGI Industries / Ohio Gratings, Inc., Canton
- Dr. Annemarie Grassi, Open Doors Academy, Cleveland
- Terry Davis, Our Lady of the Wayside, Avon
- Sean Brauser, Romeo's Pizza & Pizzafire, Medina
- Scott McCafferty & Michael Emich, WTWH Media, LLC, Cleveland
- Greg Malkin, Young Entrepreneur Institute at University School, Hunting Valley

The EY Entrepreneur of the Year Program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 145 cities in 60 countries throughout the world. 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 Overall National Award winner, will be announced at the EY Entrepreneur of the Year National Awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on Nov. 19, 2016.

The awards are the culminating event of the EY 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.

To learn more about the Northeast Ohio program, visit ey.com/us/neo_eoy. Join the conversation on social media by following us @EY_EOYUS and using #EOY_NEO.

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