



## News Release

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## For Immediate Release

### **EY announces Finalists for the Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2017 Award in the Ohio Valley Region**

**Cincinnati, May 4** – EY today announced the finalists for the Entrepreneur Of The Year 2017 Award in the Ohio Valley region. 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 June 15 at the Hyatt Regency in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The finalists are:

- David Dafoe – 8<sup>th</sup> Street Ventures (Louisville, KY)
- Linda Sullivan – Administrative Strategies, LLC (Fishers, IN)
- Alan Steiden – Air Systems, LLC (Louisville, KY)
- Kent Savage – Apex Supply Chain Technologies (Mason, OH)
- Virginia C. Drosos – Assurex Health, Inc. (Mason, OH)
- Kathleen Cabello – Cabello Associates, Inc. (Indianapolis, IN)
- Mark Lanwehr – Car Keys Express (Louisville, KY)
- Matthew Scantland – CoverMyMeds (Columbus, OH)
- Greg Ubert – Crimson Cup Coffee & Tea (Columbus, OH)
- John Waggoner – HMS Global Maritime (New Albany, IN)
- Pete Ventura Jr. – Integrity Express Logistics (Cincinnati, OH)
- Mary Miller – JANCOA Janitorial Services (Cincinnati, OH)
- Eric Allen and Rodney Williams – LISNR (Cincinnati, OH)
- Craig Rutledge – LSS Holdings, LLC (Louisville, KY)
- Kenny McNutt – MadTree Brewing (Cincinnati, OH)
- Hiten Shah – MES Inc. (Lewis Center, OH)

- Pete Butler – MS Companies (Indianapolis, IN)
- Edward Necco – NECCO (Cincinnati, OH)
- Jeff Mardis – Rainbow Design Services Inc. (Louisville, KY)
- Melissa St. John – Relocation Strategies (Indianapolis, IN)
- Bryant Goulding and Robert Bonder – Rhinegeist LLC (Cincinnati, OH)
- Mark Music – Ruoff Home Mortgage (Fort Wayne, IN)
- Andy Eastes – SkuVault (Jeffersonton, KY)
- Dan Layne – Technical Rubber Company, Inc. (Johnstown, OH)
- David Lefever – The Mako Group (Indianapolis, IN)
- Ravi Kunduru – Ventech Solutions, Inc. (Columbus, OH)
- Mahendra Vora – Vora Ventures (Cincinnati, OH)

Now in its 31st year, the program has expanded to recognize business leaders in over 145 cities and more than 60 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year national program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year Overall National Award winner, will be announced at the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards gala in Palm Springs, California on November 18, 2017. 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 Overall Award winner then moves on to compete for the World Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in Monaco in June 2018.

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