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New York SmartCEO Announces the 2015 Circle of Excellence Awards Finalists

36 leaders to be honored for business excellence in SmartCEO's Circle of Excellence program

New York, NY (Sept. 9, 2015) — New York SmartCEO is pleased to announce the 2015 Circle of Excellence Awards finalists. The Circle of Excellence program recognizes the area's most accomplished business leaders for their industry impact and market leadership. The 2015 Circle of Excellence finalists collectively generate nearly \$1.6 billion in annual revenue and employ 9,650 individuals in Greater New York. This year's finalists will be profiled in the November/December issue of *New York SmartCEO* magazine and celebrated at an awards ceremony on Nov. 9, 2015 at Hudson Mercantile.

Please see below for a complete list of finalists and for program details. To share in the excitement leading up to the event, follow us @SmartCEO #COEawards.

“The Circle of Excellence finalists are shaping the future of New York’s business community and ensuring the sustainability, safety and efficiency of our community for years to come,” says Jaime Nespor-Zawmon, President of SmartCEO Events. “We proudly recognize their successes and contributions, and we believe that their impact will make a difference for customers and clients across the nation.”

The Circle of Excellence Awards ceremony on Nov. 9, 2015 is an expected sell-out event where more than 300 local executives and guests will gather to celebrate and honor New York’s top business leaders who have successfully taken their companies to the forefront of their chosen industries. The event will kick off with a networking reception, followed by a video-packed awards ceremony that will announce winners in the following categories: Healthcare, Leisure/Hospitality, Nonprofit, Professional Services, Supplier Diversity and Technology.



2015 Circle of Excellence Awards

Date: Monday, November 9, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Hudson Mercantile

500 W. 36th St., New York, NY 10018

Attire: Business Cocktail

2015 Circle of Excellence Awards Finalists

Healthcare

Connectiphi

David B. Crane

North Shore-LIJ CareConnect Insurance Company, Inc.

Alan J. Murray

Rethink Autism, Inc.

Daniel A. Etra

Leisure/Hospitality

Bedgear

Eugene Alletto

Elegant Affairs

Andrea Correale

Phillip Jeffries

Philip Bershad and Jeffrey Bershad

Nonprofit

Endeavor

Linda Rottenberg

Institute for Community Living

David Woodlock

New York Blood Center

Christopher D. Hillyer, MD

Professional Services – Small

DW Smith Associates

Jennifer Nevins

Lawline

David Schnurman

Likeable Media

Carrie Kerpen

Professional Services – Small (ctd.)

TitleVest Agency

Brian Tormey

Stafford Communications Group, Inc.

CJ Stafford

Professional Services – Medium

Gerstein Fisher

Gregg S. Fisher

Lisiten Associates Business Brokers

Mel Lisiten

Red Peak Branding

James Fox

Strativity Group Inc.

Lior Arussy

Professional Services – Large

EYE Corp Media

Jeff Gunderman

Mitchell Martin, Inc.

Eugene Holtzman

Tower Legal Staffing, Inc.

Leslie Firtell

Supplier Diversity – Small

Leading Niche, The

Tamara L. Nall



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Supplier Diversity – Medium

Passaic Rubber Co.

John D. Mathey

SIS International Research

Ruth Stanat

United Olive Oil Import Corp.

Tommaso Asaro

Technology – Small

Fivesky

Reza Pourkhomami

Precision IT

Marc Pantoni

Reelio

Pete Borum

Technology – Medium

etouches, Inc.

Oni Chukwu

Technology – Medium (ctd.)

InfoPeople Corporation

Shyam Gulati

PayCommerce Inc.

Abdul K. Naushad

Technology – Medium/Large

Coranet Corp.

Margaret Marcucci

Portware, LLC

Scott DePetris

WorkWave

Chris Sullens

Technology – Large

LivePerson

Robert LoCascio

SterlingBackcheck

Clare Hart

About the Circle of Excellence Awards

The Circle of Excellence Awards program recognizes the region's most accomplished CEOs for business excellence in distinct categories. Companies are nominated from all size and industry categories, public or private. Each year, an independent committee of local business leaders selects the winners based on their industry impact and market leadership. Finalists are profiled in the November/December issue of SmartCEO magazine and celebrated at an awards reception in November, where the winners are announced live.

About SmartCEO

SmartCEO's mission is to educate and inspire the business community through its award-winning magazine, connections at C-level events and access to valuable online resources. SmartCEO's integrated media platforms reach decision makers in the Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, DC, metropolitan areas.

To find out more about the 2016 Circle of Excellence Awards nomination process, email us at NYprograms@smartceo.com. For information about sponsorship opportunities, email us at NewYork@smartceo.com.

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