



## News Release

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### **EY Announces Winners for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2015 Greater Washington Award**

*Exemplary entrepreneurs were honored at program's gala event*

**MCLEAN, VA, JUNE 19, 2015** – EY is pleased to announce the winners of the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in the Greater Washington region. This group of leading entrepreneurs was selected by an independent judging panel made up of previous winners of the award, leading CEOs, private capital investors and other regional business leaders. The winners were revealed at a special gala on Thursday, June 18 at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner.

“EY has honored outstanding entrepreneurs for the past 29 years,” said Dan Kotter, EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Program Director for Greater Washington. “These winners are accomplished leaders who have contributed a tremendous amount to their communities.”

The winners for the Entrepreneur Of The Year 2015 Greater Washington Award include:

- **Anthony Bruce**, Applied Predictive Technologies
- **Greg Baroni**, Attain
- **Craig P. Abod**, Carahsoft Technology Corp.
- **Ike Grigoropoulos, Dimitri Moshovitis and Ted Xenohristos**, Cava Mezze Restaurant Group
- **Abhi Shah**, Clutch Group
- **Y. Michele Kang**, Cognosante
- **Tobin Moore and Adam Vitarello**, Optoro
- **Mark Segal**, Shady Grove Fertility

**A special Master Entrepreneur award was presented to José Andrés, Chef/Owner of ThinkFoodGroup.**

A youth scholarship was awarded to Abigail Hamilton, Patriot Portraits.

Now in its 29th year, the program has expanded to recognize business leaders in over 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 annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California on November 14, 2015. 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 2016. Additionally, venture-backed companies that win an Entrepreneur Of The Year Award regionally are also eligible for the Venture Capital Award of Excellence at the national level. The awards are the culminating event of the EY Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

### **Sponsors**

Founded and produced by EY, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards are sponsored nationally by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and SAP America. In Greater Washington, regional program sponsors also include Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, PNC Bank and the Washington Business Journal. Greater Washington reception sponsors include DTZ, Lockton and SolomonEdwards.

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