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EY Announces Finalists for the Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2019 Award in the Orange County region

Finalists join ranks of exceptional entrepreneurs in Orange County and beyond

Irvine, CA, May 17, 2019 – EY today announced the finalists for the [Entrepreneur Of The Year®](#) 2019 Award in the Orange County region. Widely considered one of the most prestigious business awards programs in the US, the program recognizes entrepreneurs and leaders of high-growth companies who are excelling in areas such as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities, while also transforming our world.

Entrepreneur Of The Year has recognized exceptional business leaders in more than 145 cities and over 60 countries throughout the world for 33 years.

This year's finalists were selected by a panel of independent [judges](#), composed of local business luminaries, previous award winners and leading CEOs. Award winners will be announced at a gala on June 18 at the Monarch Beach Resort, hosted by Christine Devine, KTTV Fox 11 Anchor.

The 2019 finalists are:

Boot Barn | **Jim Conroy III**, CEO | Laguna Niguel, California

Cie Digital Labs | **Andree Berengian**, Co-founder and CEO | Irvine, California

Dyn365, Inc. dba Restaurant365 | **Tony Smith**, Co-founder and CEO | Irvine, California

Ephesoft Inc | **Ike Kavas**, Founder and CEO | Irvine, California

Inbrace-Swift Health Systems | **John Pham**, Founder and CEO | Irvine, California

inXile Entertainment | **Brian Fargo**, CEO | Newport Beach, California

Largo Concrete, Inc | **Ken Long**, President | Tustin, California

Leaf Communications | **Dan Leaf**, Owner and CEO | San Clemente, California

Parcel Pending Inc | **Lori Torres**, CEO | Irvine, California

Rauxa | **Gina Alshuler**, President and CEO | Costa Mesa, California

STA Jets | **Kurt Belcher**, Founder and CEO | Costa Mesa, California

Stance, Inc | **Jeff Kearnl**, Co-founder and CEO | San Clemente, California

Synoptek | **Tim Britt**, CEO | Irvine, California

WKS Restaurant Group | **Roland Spongberg**, CEO | Cypress, California

Xponential Fitness | **Anthony Geisler**, CEO | Irvine, California

To learn more about the Orange County program, please visit <http://www.ey.com/us/eoy/oc> Join us in congratulating this year's winners on social media by following us [@EY EOYUS](#) and using #EOYOC

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 16, 2019. 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 2020.

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