



## News Release

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### **EY Announces Finalists for the Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2019 Award in the San Diego Region**

*Finalists join ranks of exceptional entrepreneurs in San Diego and beyond*

**San Diego, CA, May 14, 2019** – EY today announced the finalists for the [Entrepreneur Of The Year®](#) 2019 Award in the San Diego 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 special black tie gala on June 6 at Fairmont Grand Del Mar, hosted by Sandra Maas, KUSI News anchor.

#### **The 2019 finalists are:**

- **Nicholas Bulcao**, Co-Founder and CEO | Airspace Technologies
- **Billy Shaw**, CEO | Billy Gene Is Marketing Inc
- **Carin Canale-Theakston**, Founder and CEO | Canale Communications
- **Adam Harris**, CEO and Co-Founder and **Richard Castle**, President and COO | Cloudbeds
- **Sayed Ali**, President and CEO | Interpreters Unlimited, Inc
- **Win Cramer**, CEO | JLab Audio
- **Matthew Ellis**, Founder and CEO | Measurabl, Inc
- **Gregory Poilasne**, Co-Founder, Director, Chairman and CEO | Nuvve Corporation
- **Bill Keith**, CEO | Perfect Snacks
- **Grayson Lafrenz**, CEO and Co-Founder | Power Digital Marketing
- **Kyle Slager**, Founder and CEO | Raken
- **Adam Stettner**, Founder and CEO | Reliant Funding
- **Afif Khoury**, CEO | SOCi, Inc
- **Jeffrey Lunsford**, CEO and **Michael Anderson**, Founder and CTO | Tealium
- **Robin Toft**, Founder, Chairman and CEO | Toft Group Executive Search

To learn more about the San Diego program, please visit [www.ey.com/us/eoy/sandiego](http://www.ey.com/us/eoy/sandiego) Join us in congratulating this year's winners on social media by following us [@EY\\_EOYUS](#) and using #EOYSD.

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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