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**New York SmartCEO Celebrated 36 Industry Leaders
at the 2015 Circle of Excellence Awards, Nov. 9**

More than 250 CEOs and decision-makers joined SmartCEO in honoring the 2015 Circle of Excellence finalists and winners at a high-energy celebration.

New York, NY (Nov. 10, 2015) — New York SmartCEO celebrated the area’s most accomplished business leaders for their industry impact and market leadership at the 2015 Circle of Excellence Awards, which took place on Nov. 9, 2015 at Hudson Mercantile. This year’s finalists and winners collectively generate nearly \$1.6 billion in annual revenue and employ more than 9,600 individuals in Greater New York. Their inspiring stories of achievement were published in the November/December issue of *New York SmartCEO* magazine.

Please see below for a complete list of finalists and winners. For more information on this year’s Circle of Excellence winners, visit smartceo.com/new-york-circle-excellence to read their inspiring stories from the November/December 2015 issue.

“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 Nesor-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.”

More than 250 executives and decision-makers attended the high-energy celebration to honor the 2015 Circle of Excellence Awards finalists and winners and their achievements. The evening kicked off with a cocktail and networking reception, followed by the announcement of Kevin Ryan, founder and chairman of Gilt Groupe, MongoDB and Business Insider, as SmartCEO’s 2015 CEO of the Year. A video-packed awards presentation commemorated Greater New York’s top companies in Healthcare, Leisure/Hospitality, Nonprofit, Professional Services, Supplier Diversity and Technology.



2015 Circle of Excellence Awards Finalists and Winners

Healthcare

Connectiphi

David B. Crane

North Shore-LIJ CareConnect Insurance Company, Inc. (Winner)

Alan J. Murray

Rethink Autism, Inc.

Daniel A. Etra

Leisure/Hospitality

Bedgear

Eugene Alletto

Elegant Affairs (Winner)

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 (Winner)

Carrie Kerpen

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. (Winner)

Lior Arussy

Professional Services – Large

EYE Corp Media

Jeff Gunderman

Mitchell Martin, Inc. (Winner)

Eugene Holtzman

Tower Legal Staffing, Inc.

Leslie Firtell

Supplier Diversity

The Leading Niche (Winner)

Tamara L. Nall

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 (Winner)

Pete Borum



Technology – Medium

etouches, Inc. (Winner)

Oni Chukwu

InfoPeople Corporation

Shyam Gulati

PayCommerce Inc.

Abdul K. Naushad

Technology – Medium/Large

Coranet Corp. (Winner)

Margaret Marcucci

Technology – Medium/Large (ctd.)

Portware, LLC

Scott DePetris

WorkWave

Chris Sullens

Technology – Large

LivePerson (Winner)

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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