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EY announces Finalists for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2016 Award in the Ohio Valley Region

Cincinnati, OH April 26, 2016 – EY today announced the finalists for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2016 Award in the Ohio Valley Region. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the awards program. The award recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. These business leaders were selected by a panel of independent judges, and Award winners will be announced at a special gala on June 9 at the Hyatt Regency in Cincinnati.

The Ohio Valley finalists are:

- Paul Perkins - Amatrol, Inc. (Jeffersonville, Indiana)
- Andy Joseph - Apeks Supercritical (Johnstown, Ohio)
- Jason Mulvene - Blue Ocean Traders (Louisville, Kentucky)
- Steve A. Huey - Capture Higher Ed., LLC (Louisville, Kentucky)
- Dr. William D. Ivers, Sr. - Clubessential (Cincinnati, Ohio)
- R.H. (Ric) Dillon - Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc. (Columbus, Ohio)
- Stacy Griggs and David Thomas Stadler III - El Toro (Louisville, Kentucky)
- Bill Hardy - Equitas Health *formerly AIDS Resource Center Ohio* (Columbus, Ohio)
- Heather Whaling - Geben Communication (Columbus, Ohio)
- R. Mukund - Gensuite LLC (Mason, Ohio)
- Yogesh Khandelwal - geoAMPS,LLC (Powell, Ohio)
- Don Clark - Grand Design RV, LLC (Middlebury, Indiana)

- John Mackessy - HMB (Westerville, Ohio)
- John Waggoner - HMS Global Maritime (New Albany, Indiana)
- Pete Ventura, Jr. - Integrity Express Logistics (Blue Ash, Ohio)
- Ankur Gopal - Interapt (Louisville, Kentucky)
- Amish Shah - Kem Krest (Elkhart, Indiana)
- Bob Myers - Pillar Technology (Columbus, Ohio)
- Thomas Heinold - Pioneer Cladding & Glazing Systems, LLC (Mason, Ohio)
- Tony Munafo and Mike Munafo - ProLink Staffing Services, LLC (Cincinnati, Ohio)
- Rick M. Heintz - Repacorp, Inc. (Tipp City, Ohio)
- Matt Butler - Signature Hardware (Erlanger, Kentucky)
- Elizabeth Tracy - TaleMed, LLC (Loveland, Ohio)
- Scott Moorehead - TCC (Carmel, Indiana)
- Purna Veer - V-Soft Consulting Group, Inc. (Louisville, Kentucky)

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Now in its 30th year, the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 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 EY Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards gala in Palm Springs, California on November 19, 2016. The awards are the culminating event of the EY Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies. 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 2017.

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Founded and produced by EY, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards are sponsored nationally by SAP America, Merrill Corporation and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. In Ohio Valley, sponsors also include Frost Brown Todd, PNC, the E.W. Scripps Company, *Cincinnati Business Courier*, *Columbus Business First* and *Louisville Business First*.

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