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EY announces Finalists for the Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2017 Award in the Michigan and Northwest Ohio Region

Detroit, April 26 – EY today announced the finalists for the Entrepreneur Of The Year 2017 Award in the Michigan and Northwest Ohio region. The awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who are excelling in areas such as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. These business leaders were selected by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala on June 21 at the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA).

The finalists are:

- Jan Akervall and Sassa Akervall – Akervall Technologies, Inc. (Saline, MI)
- David C. Dauch – American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc. (Detroit, MI)
- Adrienne L. Way – Edcor Data Services, LLC (Troy, MI)
- Denise Crawford – Family Health Center (Kalamazoo, MI)
- Jason Wenk – FormulaFolio Investments (Grand Rapids, MI)
- Laura Varon Brown – Gilda's Club Metro Detroit (Detroit, MI)
- Chris McCuiston and Jenny McCuiston – Goldfish Swim School Franchising, LLC (Troy, MI)
- Damien Rocchi – Grand Circus Detroit (Detroit, MI)
- Jeff Grasman – Grand Equipment Company (Hudsonville, MI)
- Lon Offenbacher – Inteva Products (Troy, MI)
- Wade Wyant – ITS Partners (Grand Rapids, MI)
- Matthew J. O'Bryan – KLA Laboratories, Incorporated (Dearborn, MI)
- Brad Oleshansky – M1 Concourse (Pontiac, MI)
- Brent Parent – Material Handling Services, LLC (Perrysburg, OH)
- Doug Armstrong – North Star Reach (Ann Arbor, MI)
- Alan Mack – NxGen MDx (Grand Rapids, MI)

- Tom Shea and Bob Powers – OneStream Software (Rochester, MI)
- Kirk Vercnocke – Phoenix Innovate (Troy, MI)
- Charles Stocking and Carol Stocking – Principle Business Enterprises, Inc. (Bowling Green, OH)
- Steve Peacock – PRO-VISION® Video Systems (Bryon Center, MI)
- Chris Rizik – Renaissance Venture Capital Fund (Ann Arbor, MI)
- Barry Spilman and Peter Osten – RPM (Royal Oak, MI)
- Mike Jennings – Secure-24 (Southfield, MI)
- Royce Neubauer - Service First Logistics, Inc. (Auburn Hills, MI)
- Molly MacDonald – The Pink Fund (Bloomfield Hills, MI)
- Birgit M. Klohs – The Right Place, Inc. (Grand Rapids, MI)
- Phil Brabbs – Torrent Consulting (Ann Arbor, MI)
- Jason Vazzano and Kurt Steckling – Vectorform (Royal Oak, MI)
- Carla Walker-Miller – Walker-Miller Energy Services (Detroit, MI)

Now in its 31st year, the program has expanded to recognize business leaders in over 145 cities and more than 60 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year national program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year Overall National Award winner, will be announced at the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards gala in Palm Springs, California on November 18, 2017. 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 Overall Award winner then moves on to compete for the World Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in Monaco in June 2018.

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