

## News Release

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### **For immediate release**

## **Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year<sup>®</sup> 2011 Maryland finalists announced**

*Celebrating 25 years of inspiration*

*BALTIMORE, May 6, 2011* — Ernst & Young LLP is pleased to announce the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year<sup>®</sup> Maryland finalists. This group of outstanding entrepreneurs was selected by an independent judging panel made up of previous winners of the award, leading CEOs, private capital investors and other regional business leaders. The winners will be revealed at a gala event on June 23 at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront.

“These finalists create jobs in our area, encouraging community development and innovation in our broader economy,” said Harry Thomasian, Entrepreneur Of The Year Maryland Program Director. “No matter who wins on June 23rd we know one thing for sure – Maryland is enriched by every one of these finalists.”

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2011 Maryland finalists are:

Vadim Polikov, Ph.D., Astrum Solar

Kevin Switick, AVIAN Engineering LLC

Alan Snyder, BoxTone

Sean L. Lane, BTS

Steven L. Sisney, Cornerstone Records Management, LLC

Steven Schaefer, CSA Medical, Inc.

Sean Fenlon, DoublePositive Marketing Group, Inc.

George R. Hepburn, Dynasplint Systems, Inc

Elsa A. Maskell, EIS Group, Inc.

Thomas Laskowski, GANTECH, Inc.

Leslie D Mancuso PhD, RN, FAAN, Jhpiego

Bruce Kirby, MEDEX Global Solutions

Michael S. McDevitt, Medifast

Thomas R. Mullen, Mercy Health Services

George Schlossnagle III, Message Systems, Inc.

John T. McBeth, Next Century Corporation

Andrew Franklin, Norris Auto Group

Trevor Simm, Opalstaff

Joel Schleicher, Presidio, Inc.

Dennis A. Cahill, ThinkDirect Marketing Group, Inc.

John Kennedy, Three Dog Logistics, Inc.

John Shetrone, Jr., Vision Technologies, Inc.

John K. Hoey, Y of Central Maryland

William G. Karpovich, Zenoss, Inc.

The Entrepreneur Of The Year Program honors entrepreneurs regionally in June, leading up to the national awards in November. Additionally, venture-backed companies that win an Entrepreneur Of The Year Award regionally are also eligible for the Entrepreneur Of The Year Venture Capital Award of Excellence on a national level. The overall National US winner then moves on to compete for the Ernst & Young World Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in June.

This year, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Program celebrates its 25th anniversary. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 140 cities and more than 50 countries throughout the world. Awards are given to entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

All regional honorees are invited to the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards gala, hosted by Jay Leno, on November 12, 2011, in Palm Springs, California. The gala is the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum<sup>®</sup>, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-

leading companies, which will be held November 9–13, 2011. For more information on the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum, please visit [www.ey.com/us/strategicgrowthforum](http://www.ey.com/us/strategicgrowthforum).

### **Sponsors**

Founded and produced by Ernst & Young LLP, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards are pleased to have the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation as a national sponsor.

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### **Contact information**

To make reservations for the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards gala on June 23, 2011 visit [http://response.ey.com/CSG3/?EOY\\_MD\\_Gala](http://response.ey.com/CSG3/?EOY_MD_Gala) or contact Helen Christy of Ernst & Young at 410-783-3983 or [helen.christy@ey.com](mailto:helen.christy@ey.com) by June 1. Tickets are \$250 per person or \$2,000 per table. For more information about the program, please visit [www.ey.com/us/eoy](http://www.ey.com/us/eoy).

### **About Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year**

Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The unique award makes a difference through the way it encourages entrepreneurial activity among those with potential, and recognizes the contribution of people who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement. As the first and only truly global award of its kind, Entrepreneur Of The Year celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 140 cities in more than 50 countries.

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