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Finalists for the 2017 Spirit of Enterprise Awards announced

Honoring the best businesses and entrepreneurs in Arizona



The Spirit of Enterprise Awards recognize Arizona's best companies and entrepreneurs for creating jobs, boosting the economy and delivering great customer service. Now in its 21st year, the list of nominees is expanding to bring more attention and awareness to top Arizona businesses. Instead of spotlighting 10 businesses, the Center for Entrepreneurship at the W. P. Carey School of Business has increased the number to 15 nominees.

"Each year, we honor Arizona companies that embody the core values of Spirit: energy, ethics and excellence in entrepreneurship," says Tara Montoya, program manager of the Center for Entrepreneurship at the W. P. Carey School of Business. "These companies positively impact our communities with their strong business ethics and positive work cultures that drive our local economy. They serve as role models for aspiring entrepreneurs. We are proud to celebrate their entrepreneurial success."

The winners will be announced at a luncheon on November 16th, 2017 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Here are the 2017 Spirit of Enterprise finalists:

The BBVA Compass Innovation in Entrepreneurship Award

Print.Save.Repeat. (Chandler) – manufacturer and on-line seller of laser printer toner cartridges and label solutions for businesses, under the brand name IdentiCo Label.

Emailage (Chandler) – provider of email risk assessment, using machine learning algorithms and fraud data to generate a risk score of any online transaction where an email address is provided.

HomeSmart International (Scottsdale) – a residential real estate firm using new technology to make life easier for the agent and for the brokerage.

The Social Impact Award

SWIMkids USA (Mesa) – a swim school that provides lessons to infants, children and adults, and teaches drowning prevention awareness.

Isagenix International LLC (Gilbert) – a health and wellness company that manufactures and markets nutritional products, dietary supplements, and personal care products.

Sutra Studios (Phoenix) – a family-operated yoga, barre, pilates and meditation studio that's also an art gallery and juice bar.

The Chuck Hahn Emerging Enterprise Award

Notebowl Inc. (Scottsdale) – a social learning platform that simplifies classroom management and communication for universities and colleges across the country.

Stream Logistics (Scottsdale) – boutique logistics company that specializes in trucking coordination and transportation service for various trailer types.

EndoVantage (Scottsdale) – a virtual patient treatment planning center where medical procedures and devices are tested prior to surgery.

The Gary L. Trujillo Minority Enterprise Award, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Minority Enterprise Award

Bayless Health Care (Phoenix) – a health care company providing family medicine, behavioral health, addiction treatment, and social health care services.

Sentinel Fence and Contracting (Scottsdale) – a specialty contractor that installs hard security for government facilities, correctional institutions, airports and other large projects.

NextNet Partners (Tempe) – an information technology consulting company with diverse clients ranging from healthcare, finance and mobile communications.

The Special Achievement in Entrepreneurship Award

Digital Air Strike (Scottsdale) – a consumer engagement company providing software and managed service platforms for social media and digital marketing.

U-Haul International Inc. (Phoenix) – a do-it-yourself moving and storage company with a network of more than 21,000 locations across North America.

Decibel Blue (Tempe) - a firm that specializes in digital, marketing, advertising, and public relations.

National Founder of the Year

Heidi Jannenga, co-founder and president of WebPT will be honored as the 2017 Spirit of Enterprise National Founder of the Year.

- The Phoenix-based medical records software company was launched in 2008 and provides physical, occupational, and speech therapists with business reporting, interactive and organized scheduling, integrated billing, and practice management services.
- Jannenga's passion for physical therapy began with her own successful rehabilitation after suffering a knee injury in college. After graduating with a master's degree in physical therapy from the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, she began a successful 15-plus year career as a physical therapist.
- WebPT has grown to 300 employees, serves more than 72,000 providers, and 10,000 clinics. WebPT is ranked on several prestigious fast-growth lists, including four consecutive years on the Inc. 5000.

For more information on the 2017 Spirit of Enterprise Awards or the luncheon, visit www.wpcarey.asu.edu/research/entrepreneurship/soe-event (<http://www.wpcarey.asu.edu/research/entrepreneurship/soe-event>)

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