Enterprising Women Magazine Announces
2016 Enterprising Women of the Year Award Winners
Prestigious Awards Program Recognizes World’s Top Women Entrepreneurs

RALEIGH, N.C. January 6, 2016 – Monica Smiley, publisher and CEO of Enterprising Women magazine, has announced the winners of the 2016 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards, an annual tribute to the world’s top women entrepreneurs. Honorees will be recognized at the 14th Annual Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration & Conference, to be held from Sunday, Feb. 28 to Tuesday, March 1 at The Ritz-Carlton Coconut Grove in Miami, Florida.

The Enterprising Women of the Year Awards is widely considered one of the most prestigious recognition programs for women business owners. To win, nominees must demonstrate that they have fast-growth businesses, mentor or actively support other women and girls involved in entrepreneurship, and stand out as leaders in their communities. Many of the honorees also serve as leaders of the key organizations that support the growth of women’s entrepreneurship.

Award winners were recognized in seven categories this year: annual sales revenues of more than $100 million; annual sales revenues of more than $25 million and up to $100 million; annual sales revenues of more than $10 million and up to $25 million; annual sales revenues of more than $5 million and up to $10 million; annual sales revenues of more than $2 million and up to $5 million; annual sales revenues of more than $1 million and up to $2 million; and annual sales revenues of up to $1 million.

Winners in the “over $100 million in annual revenues” category:
- Pamela Evette, Quality Business Solutions, Inc., Travelers Rest, South Carolina
- Nina Vaca, Pinnacle Group, Dallas, Texas
- Ahu Serter, FARPLAS Holding, Sekerpınar Kocaeli, Turkey
- Marti Hedge, Edge Solutions and Consulting Inc., Westlake Village, California

Winners in the “over $25 million and up to $100 Million in annual revenues” category:
- Kathy Feng, Suntex Sunyin USA Inc., Walnut, California
- Beverly A. Bailey, Stronghold Engineering, Inc., Riverside, California
- Bonnie C. Carroll, Information International Associates, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
- Kristi Alford, E2 Optics, Englewood, Colorado
- Kristy Knichel, Knichel Logistics, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania
- Regina Mellinger, Primary Services, Houston, Texas
- Heather Sanderson, Overture Promotions, Vernon Hills, Illinois
- Gina Stone, Semper Electric, Inc., Templeton, California
- Margaret Marcucci, Coranet Corp, New York, New York
- Diane Dupuis, The Dupuis Langen Group, Richmond, British Columbia, Canada
- Patricia A. Miller, SpaceBound, Inc., LaGrange, Ohio
- Mary Waring, Western Logistics Inc., Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada
- Tracy Doyle and Angela Fiordilino, Phoenix Marketing Solutions, Providence, New Jersey
- Bonnie Spencer Swayze, Alliance Rubber Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas
- Leslie Meingast, TPD, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- Teresa Katubig, Extra Help, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri
- Kate Lindsey, Alpha Corporation, Dulles, Virginia

Winners in the “over $10 million and up to $25 Million in annual revenues” category:
- Carol Nance, Nance Industries Inc., Calhoun, Georgia
- Pamela Kan, Bishop-Wisecarver, Pittsburg, California
Winners in the “over $5 million and up to $10 Million in annual revenues” category:

- Christine Lantinen, Maud Borup Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Maureen O’Connor, LEM Products Inc., Doylestown, Pennsylvania
- Jennifer Arenson, Global Sourcing Connection, Riverwoods, Illinois
- Lisa Firestone, Managed Care Advisors, Bethesda, Maryland
- Neslihan Hidirligil, It's Always Christmas in New York, New York, New York
- Susan Frech, Social Media Link, New York, New York
- Lorri Fairchild, AIT Worldwide Logistics, Romulus, Michigan
- Ana Fernandez-Parmet, Parmetech Inc., Havertown, Pennsylvania
- Belinda Coleman, The Coleman Group Inc., Lanham, Maryland
- Teresa Lawrence, Delta Personnel, Metairie, Louisiana
- Marsha Murray, Murray Resources, Houston, Texas
- Danielle Wilson, Aero Jet Medical, Georgetown, Texas
- Sandra Isabel Correia, Novacortica, SA, Algarve, Portugal

Winners in the “over $2 million and up to $5 million in annual revenues” category:

- Charlotte Kamugisha, Bunyonyi Safaris Ltd., Kampala, Uganda
- Janice Jucker, Three Brothers Bakery, Houston, Texas
- Sarah Endline, sweetriot, Brooklyn, New York
- Melanie Hoggard, AR Fresh Mex, Inc., North Little Rock, Arkansas
- Tamara Nall, The Leading Niche, New York, New York
- Komal Goyal, 6e Technologies, Broomfield, Colorado
- Tracy Craig, Craig Communications Inc., Oakland, California
- Donnette Thomas, World Trade Autosports, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina
- Robin Franks, TGE Resources, Inc., Houston, Texas
- Leslie Vickrey, ClearEdge Marketing, Chicago, Illinois
- Deborah Stallings, HR Anew, Columbia, Maryland
- Shanthi Rajaram, Amazech Solutions LLC, Frisco, Texas
- A.J. Drexlir, Campos Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Raja B. Marhaba, Martec Construction, Inc., Granada Hills, California
- Connie Golleher, The Golleher Group, LLC, McLean, Virginia
- Autumn Manning, YouEarnedIt, Austin, Texas
- Jennifer Mwijukye, Unifreight Cargo Handling Ltd., Kampala, Uganda
- Maribel Koella, NAI Knoxville, Knoxville, Tennessee
- Rosemary Swierk, Direct Steel and Construction, Crystal Lake, Illinois
- Julia Knight, Julia Knight Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Sarah Sajedi, ERA Environmental Management Solutions, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania
Winners in the “over $1 million and up to $2 million in annual revenues” category:
- Teresa Knight, Women’s Health Specialists of St Louis, St Louis, Missouri
- Ghada Darwish, PIZA Industrial Supplies Co., Cairo, Egypt
- Lisa A. Goodbee, PE, Goodbee Associates, Centennial, Colorado
- Andrea Herrera, Amazing Edibles Gourmet Catering, Chicago, Illinois
- Eva Niewiadomski, Catalyst Ranch, Chicago, Illinois
- Angelique Rewers, The Corporate Agent, Boca Raton, Florida
- Lynn Sutton, Kairos Consulting Worldwide, Chicago, Illinois
- Michelle Yeh, myLOHAS Limited, Shanghai, China
- Stacey Stratton, True Talent Group, Edina, Minnesota
- Emma Davidson, Affinity Capital Limited, London, United Kingdom
- Jennifer Kearney, Gotham Energy 360 LLC, New York, New York
- Mary Frantz, Enterprise Knowledge Partners, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Patrina M. Clark, Pivotal Practices Consulting LLC, Greenbelt, Maryland
- Almira Bardai & Lindsay Nahmiache, Jive Communications, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- Ferose Oaten, AVTS Roadworthy Stations, Cape Town, South Africa
- Lasenta Lewis-Ellis, LLE Construction Group, LLC, Columbia, South Carolina
- Marnie Ochs-Raleigh, Evolve Systems, St. Paul, Minnesota

Winners in the “up to $1 million in annual revenues” category:
- Stephanie M. Scotti, Professionally Speaking Consulting, LLC, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- Joyce Ann Miller, Ph.D., KeyStone Research Corporation, Erie, Pennsylvania
- Royalyn B. Reid, Consumer & Market Insights, Dallas, Texas
- Katie Dolan Dix, Capannari Ice Cream, Mount Prospect, Illinois
- Sophia Fouzia Leaguedi, Ameroc Export Inc., Glenview, Illinois
- Rebecca Geller, The Geller Law Group, Fairfax, Virginia
- Lara Hodgson, NOW Corp., Atlanta, Georgia
- Farrah Qureshi, Global Diversity Practice, Saltaire, United Kingdom
- Patricia Maldonado, Nanay SRL, Bolivia, South America

The 2016 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration & Conference will bring together dynamic women business owners from North America and around the world for two full days of top-notch workshops, networking opportunities, corporate sponsor exhibits, and awards presentations. The celebration will shine the spotlight on honorees, with award presentations at the Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Gala Dinner. During the annual “Hall of Fame Luncheon,” two women entrepreneurs will be inducted into the Enterprising Women Hall of Fame, an outstanding nonprofit will receive the 2016 Advocacy Award, and one woman will be recognized with the 2016 Legacy Award.

The event is open to award honorees, corporate supporters, members of the Enterprising Women Advisory Board, VIPs in the women’s business community, readers of Enterprising Women magazine, and members of the many partner organizations affiliated with Enterprising Women.

Partner organizations represented on the Enterprising Women Advisory Board and supporting the 2016 event include:
- The Women Presidents’ Organization (WPO)
- Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP)
- Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)
- National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)
- National Women Business Owners Corporation (NWBOC)
- Institute for Economic Empowerment of Women (IEEW)
- The Global Initiative for Women’s Entrepreneurship Research
- Women’s Business Development Center (WBDC)
QUOTES:
“The recipients of the 2016 Enterprising Women of the Year Award represent an amazing group of women entrepreneurs from across the United States and as far away as China, Egypt, South Africa, Uganda, the United Kingdom and Portugal,” said Monica Smiley, publisher and CEO of Enterprising Women. “We could not be more proud to recognize their accomplishments as CEOs of fast-growth companies, community leaders, and role models and mentors to other women and girls. We look forward to shining the spotlight on them at our 14th annual awards event in late February.”

DETAILS:
- For more information or to register to attend the 2016 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration and Conference, visit http://enterprisingwomen.com.

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