

## News Release

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### **Winners for Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2008 Award in Upstate New York, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia announced**

*Pittsburgh, PA, 6-30-08* – Ernst & Young LLP is pleased to announce the winners for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award in Upstate New York, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. An independent judging panel of regional business, academic and community leaders selected this exceptional group of entrepreneurs. A gala event on June 27 at Carnegie Music Hall and Foyer revealed the winners.

“We heartily congratulate this year’s winners on their success,” said Kevin Pickels, Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Program Director for Upstate New York, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. “The Entrepreneur Of The Year award recognizes all of the hard work, ingenuity and care these leaders have put into building and improving their businesses and communities. This group of winners is truly remarkable for all that they have accomplished.”

#### **The Upstate New York, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia winners for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in 2008 are:**

- Industrial/Retail Products: Mr. Walter J. Dollard, President and Mr. Michael Gunniers, Principal, Premier Automation LLC
- Integrated Technology: Mr. D. Raja, CEO, Computer Enterprises, Inc.
- Healthcare: Mr. Peter Michael DeComo, Chairman and CEO, Renal Solutions, Inc.
- Advanced Technology Solutions: Mr. James J. McNamara, Jr., President and CEO, Endicott Interconnect Technologies, Inc.

- Business Services: Mr. Inderpal S. Guglani, Founder and CEO, Guru.com
- Applied Sciences: Mr. Sean McDonald, President and CEO, Precision Therapeutics
- Specialty Services: Ms. Denise DeSimone, CEO, Advanticom, Inc.
- Supporter of Entrepreneurship: Mr. John W. Manzetti, President, CEO and Director, Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse

**The 2008 Upstate New York, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia Judges included:**

- Randy Bianchi, Senior Vice President of Business Development, Summer Street Capital
- Michael Brunner, CEO, Blattner Brunner
- Randy Dearth, President and CEO, LANXESS Corporation
- Nicholas J. Deluliis, President, CNX Gas Corporation and  
2007 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Winner
- Andrew Hays, Principal, Main Street Capital
- Joan Hilson, CFO, American Eagle
- Sy Holzer, President, PNC Bank

Regional award winners will be eligible for consideration in the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2008 national program. Winners in numerous national categories, as well as the overall national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 15, 2008. The awards are the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

This year, the Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program celebrates its 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in over 135 cities in 50 countries throughout the world. Entrepreneurs who demonstrate extraordinary success win awards based on their innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

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In Upstate New York, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, regional sponsors include Alpern Rosenthal, Pittsburgh Business Times and Pittsburgh Technology Council.

### **Contact information**

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