



PAST WINNERS

2026

Public Company: Jim Watkins, Boot Barn
Private Company: Anna Ricardo, MeriCal, LLC
Not-For-Profit Company: Larry Gwilt,
Hurtt Family Health Clinic/OC Rescue Mission
Rising Star: Kate Nguyen, Onterris Inc.
(formerly Montrose Environmental Group Inc.)
Lifetime Achievement: Ann Fong, Z Supply

2025

Public Company: Alex Thurman, Glaukos
Private Company: Liyuan Woo, TOCA Football
Not-For-Profit Company: Andrew Guarni, Hoag Hospital
Rising Star: Jared Callister, QSC Audio
Lifetime Achievement: Tony Dabbene, IHI Power Services Corp.

2024

Public Company: Sandra Beaver, Evolus Inc.
Private Company: Joyce Pae, Verus Aerospace
Not-For-Profit Company: John Ing, Illumination Foundation
Rising Star: Tim Hoffman, Ossur
Lifetime Achievement: Guita Sharifi, Lifelong Learning
Administration Corp.

2023

Public Company: Micah Young, Masimo
Private Company: Mike Feher, CathWorks
Not-For-Profit Company: Elizabeth Jensen, Goodwill of Orange County
Rising Star: Grant Reindl, Salas O'Brien
Lifetime Achievement: Tammy Cooper, Technolgent

2022

Public Company: John Meloun, Xponential Fitness, Inc.
Private Company: Ned Algeo, Xperience Restaurant Group
Not-For-Profit Company: Ashley Harris,
Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast
Rising Star: Maria Pitol, Montrose Environmental Group, Inc.
Lifetime Achievement: Jamie Arnold, NextGen Healthcare

2021

Public Company: Adam Townsend, Vizio, Inc.
Private Company: Brandon Kerns, Landmark Health
Not-For-Profit Company: Tracy Branson,
Orange County Community Foundation
Rising Star: Floyd Amuchie, Virgin Galactic
Lifetime Achievement: Mike Henry, Tilly's

2020

Public Company: Jack Hartung, Chipotle Mexican Grill
Private Company: Drew Vollero, Allied Universal
Not-For-Profit Company: Ronald Cortez, UCI Division of Finance & Admin.
Rising Star: Jesse Timmermans, Revolve Clothing
Lifetime Achievement: Elizabeth Pagliarini, Summit Healthcare REIT

2019

Public Company: Mike Henry, Tillys
Private Company: Allan Dicks, Montrose Environmental Group
Not-For-Profit Company: Guita Sharifi, Radiant Health Centers
Corporate Controller: Phil Carter, Skyworks Solutions, Inc.
Rising Star: David Sunderland, Emerald Expositions

2018

Public Company: Kevin Rubin, Alteryx Inc.
Private Company: Debby Morris, Apria Healthcare
Not-For-Profit Company: John Luker,
Orangewood Foundation & Samuelli Academy
Rising Star: Michael Martinson, Ambray Genetics
Lifetime Achievement: Todd Schull, TTM Technologies

2017

Public Company: Colin Severn, William Lyon Homes
Private Company: James Molloy, Alorica
Not-For-Profit Company: Jo Ann Escasa-Haigh, Providence
St. Joseph Health
Rising Star: Dessi Sarabosing, Real Mex Restaurants
Lifetime Achievement: Joe McCarthy, Sunrise Growers Inc.

2016

Public Company: Liz Williams, Taco Bell Corp.
Private Company: Kent R. Crandall, MBK Real Estate Companies
Not-For-Profit Company: Laurie Peterson,
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County & the Inland Empire
Rising Star: Gina Mastantuono, Ingram Micro Inc.
Lifetime Achievement: Madhu Vijay, Aviation Capital Group Corp.

2015

Public Company: Bryan Giglia, Sunstone Hotel Investors
Private Company: Kurt Binder, VIZIO Inc.
Not-For-Profit Company: Mike McGee, Discovery Cube
Rising Star: Ann Fong, Incipio Technologies
Lifetime Achievement: Larry Rosolowski, Razor USA LLC

2014

Public Company: Frank Martell, CoreLogic
Private Company: Stephen Dixon, Fluidmaster Inc.
Not-For-Profit Company: Donald Voska, Goodwill of OC
Rising Star: Kent Ratzlaff, Niagara Bottling LLC
Lifetime Achievement: Kevin Manion, Young's Market Co.

2013

Public Company: John Hohener, Microsemi Corp.
Private Company: Scott Savoie, Universal Services of America
Not-For-Profit Company: Michael Frobenius, THINK Together
Rising Star: David R. Justus, The Retail Equation Inc.
Lifetime Achievement: Bill Humes, Ingram Micro Inc.

2012

Public Company: Paul Holt, Quality Systems Inc.
Private Company: Brady Aase, Pacific Dental Services
Not-For-Profit Company: Steve Wagner,
Orange County High School of the Arts
Rising Star: Patrick McCullough, Amonix
Lifetime Achievement: Eduardo Jordan, Nolet Spirits USA

2011

Public Company: Bret W. Johnsen, Mindspeed Technologies Inc.
Private Company: Khanh Tran, Pacific Life Insurance Co.
Not-For-Profit Company: Kerri Ruppert Schiller, CHOC
Rising Star: Jatan Shah, QSC Audio
Lifetime Achievement: Anthony "Buddy" Pizsel, CoreLogic

2010

Public Company: Charles Slacik, Beckman Coulter Inc.
Private Company: Jerry Morey, Metagenics Inc.
Not-For-Profit Company: Darrin Montalvo, St. Joseph Health System
Transformation Agent: Sean McCarthy, Diedrich Coffee Inc.
Lifetime Achievement: Robert Telles, Stearns Lending Inc.
Community Service Award: Phong Truong, South County Senior Services
Community Service Award: Mindy Weinheimer, Human Options

2009

Public Company: Eric Brandt, Broadcom Corp.
Private Company: Michael Waitukaitis, Golden State Foods Corp.
Not-For-Profit Company: Rick Granieri, MemorialCare Medical Centers
Transformation Agent: Janis Paulson, International Education Corp.
Lifetime Achievement: John Hinrichs, Farmers & Merchants Bank
Community Service Award: Stephen P. Blythe, Blytheco

2008

Public Company: Jerry Pellizzon, Ceradyne Inc.
Private Company: Mimi Taylor, SC Fuels
Not-For-Profit Company: Kenneth McFarland, Mission Hospital
Lifetime Achievement: Frank O'Brien, ICU Medical Inc.
Community Service Award: Kerri Ruppert, CHOC