

Georgetown University Alumni Association Announces Recipients of Entrepreneurial Excellence Awards Recognizing Social Impact, E-Commerce and Technology Innovators

Multiple Honorees from Around the Country Will Be Recognized at Award Ceremony on November 2nd in Washington, D.C.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 18, 2017 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- In conjunction with the five-year anniversary of the Georgetown Entrepreneurship Alliance (GEA), the Georgetown University Alumni Association (GUAA) has announced multiple recipients of the annual Entrepreneurial Excellence Awards. These awards honor Georgetown University alumni, who have launched successful business ventures. Historically, the platform solely recognized the Entrepreneur of the Year, but the GEA is now honoring recipients in a total of eight different categories.

"Georgetown University strives to prepare the next generation of global citizens to make a difference in the world, and this year's recipients of the Entrepreneurial Excellence Awards embody the Jesuit values of service to others and service to the community," said Bill Reynolds, executive director, Georgetown University Alumni Association. "This group of individuals are emerging leaders and are exemplary role models to our student body."

This year's winners include:

- Entrepreneur of the Year: New York City-based **Randy Goldberg**, co-founder and chief brand officer of Bombas, which manufactures athletic socks, and donates one pair to a homeless shelter for every pair purchased.
- Social Impact: Washington, D.C. resident **Scott Beale** is founder and CEO of Atlas Corps, a leadership development program for the world's best social change professionals.
- Fastest Growing: **Drew Clark** is the San Francisco-based founder and CEO at California Cowboy, a lifestyle brand that designs innovative gear for the social frontier.
- Best of Retail: **Nora Gardner** is founder of Nora Gardner New York, a Manhattan-based and online clothing company dedicated to providing women with attire to help them feel confident, comfortable, professional and attractive.
- Best of Hospitality: New York-City based **Luke Holden** is founder of Luke's Lobster, a seafood shack that brings traceable sustainable seafood to patrons across the country.
- Best of Tech: Baltimore-based **Nick Miller** was the founder and CEO of Parking Panda, an industry leading mobile application and optimization platform for parking, and is currently a strategy, operations and business development consultant.
- Best Mobile App: Hailing from Bethesda, Md., **Cherian Thomas** is the co-founder and CEO of Spotluck, which brings dynamic pricing to the restaurant industry through discounts that fluctuate based on day, time, weather, and other factors that impact restaurant occupancy.
- Rising Star: Washington, D.C. residents and best friends, **Ann Yang** and **Phil Wong**, co-founded Misfit Juicery, a company that uses unused fruit to create juice and reduce food waste.

Winners will be honored at an awards celebration on November 2nd in Washington, D.C. The ceremony is open to the public, and individuals may register to attend [here](#).

A call for applications for next year's Entrepreneurial Awards will open this spring.

About Georgetown University Alumni Association

Founded in 1881, the Georgetown University Alumni Association (GUAA) has grown to include more than 185,000 alumni from all 50 states and more than 160 countries. Its mission is to generate goodwill and support for the university and to foster a lifelong connection among alumni, the alma mater and the global Georgetown community. GUAA contributions are evident across campuses and schools. Alumni Association programs facilitate networking with fellow alumni and help establish social, service, and career opportunities around the world. For more information and to connect with GUAA, visit our website and find us on Facebook and LinkedIn.

About Georgetown Entrepreneurship Alliance

The Georgetown University Alumni Association initiated the Georgetown Entrepreneurship Alliance (GEA) in 2012 to serve as an aggregator and catalyst for entrepreneurship and innovation in the Georgetown University alumni community. The GEA sponsors two flagship events for alumni across the globe to gather in celebration of one another's achievements and aspirations: the annual Entrepreneurial Excellence Awards and the Alumni Pitch Competition. Leveraging the Jesuit mission to create leaders in the service of others, the GEA strives to foster and inspire social entrepreneurship and a dedication to advancing the university and the global community at-large.

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