



ACG[®] Orange County
Association for Corporate Growth

The Gold Standard

31st Annual ACG Awards

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Thursday, May 28, 2026

5:00 PM – 8:30 PM

MESSAGE FROM THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

This year marks a meaningful milestone for ACG Orange County as we celebrate 42 years of impact serving the Southern California business community. That legacy comes into focus tonight at our 31st Annual ACG Orange County Awards Gala, an event that reflects decades of collaboration, leadership, and growth driven by our members, past and present.

Tonight, you will meet a select group of middle market companies who represent “The Gold Standard” in middle market business. Their achievements exemplify excellence in leadership, innovation, and execution.

Our Awards Committee dedicated countless hours to conducting in-depth interviews and evaluations within each category. From there, three finalists per category were selected and presented to a panel of independent judges for personal interviews. These judges, accomplished business leaders and past ACG Orange County Award winners or finalists, were solely responsible for selecting the overall winners.

To be a finalist is a significant achievement and a distinction worthy of celebration by employees, partners, and customers alike. Winners join a distinguished group of visionary companies that have gone on to become leaders and major employers throughout Orange County and the Inland Empire.

The 30 finalists honored this evening truly represent the best of the best. From more than 100 companies interviewed across ten award categories, these organizations rose to the top for their performance, culture, and strategic vision—as well as their meaningful connection to the communities they serve. Their success is also a reflection of the strength of the ACG ecosystem, powered by members who advise, support, and guide these businesses every day.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Awards Committee members who volunteered their time to ensure this process was conducted with the highest standards of integrity. We also thank our eleven distinguished judges for their thoughtful interviews, rigor, and discernment in identifying tonight’s honorees.

With sincere gratitude, we want to recognize Lauren Rodriguez of LRT Meetings & Events, Michael Shepherd of The Shepherd Group, and Richard Meyers, Executive Director of ACG Orange County, for their outstanding contributions to making this event possible.

Congratulations to tonight’s finalists and winners. As Co-Chairs of the Awards Committee, we thank you all for being part of what makes ACG Orange County the gold standard in our business community.



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Michael S. Lutfi
Executive Director, Business Development
Wells Fargo
2026 Awards Co-Chair



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Barrett".

Brandon Barrett
Manager, Executive Search
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 31st Annual Awards Gala of the Association for Corporate Growth, Orange County and Inland Empire Chapter.

This year's theme, "The Gold Standard," could not be more fitting as we honor the insights, leadership, and resilience embodied by tonight's outstanding finalists and the professional service providers that support them. Each represents the very best of our region's business community.

ACG OC & IE is a vibrant network of middle-market dealmakers and growth-minded professionals dedicated to building companies and driving economic advancement. Through this annual event, we shine a spotlight on businesses whose stories reflect innovation, bold decision-making, and exceptional performance across Orange County and the Inland Empire.

Tonight, our honorees join an esteemed legacy of past winners who have fueled progress by creating jobs, launching transformative products and services, and helping position Southern California as a nationally recognized hub for growth and innovation.

Behind every successful company, however, stands a team of dedicated employees whose talent, commitment, and passion are essential to any growth story. The achievements we recognize tonight would not be possible without the strength and support of those teams. They are the true engine behind every milestone.

We also express deep gratitude to the ACG members and volunteers who made this evening possible. A special thanks also goes to the professional advisors, many of whom are ACG OC & IE members whose behind-the-scenes expertise has played a vital role in the success of the businesses we honor tonight.

To all of our finalists and your dedicated teams: congratulations. Your accomplishments inspire us and embody the dynamic spirit of the middle market. We are proud to celebrate your success.



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Jeff Minter
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Alan Boudreau

After leaving Ohio for California, Alan began working at his father's plumbing company, quickly being promoted to foreman. Determined to continue advancing, Alan spent hours each day learning to operate their backhoe, eliminating the need for outside contractors. When the business closed its doors 8 years later, Alan purchased the backhoe and started A&B Equipment with his wife, Christie. In 1997, after being awarded their first pipeline project, they founded Boudreau Mechanical and hired their first employee! Boudreau Mechanical was incorporated in 2000 to become Boudreau Pipeline Corporation. They now have over 350 employees and hit their annual revenue goal of \$100M for the first time in 2022. "It's been an interesting ride – but it's all thanks to our people and our culture." -Alan Boudreau



Tammy S. Cooper

CEO/CFO of Technogent

Tammy is a current senior management leader (CEO/CFO) responsible for the oversight of the corporation, including the strategic planning, finance, and HR functions of Technogent. She has presided over an unprecedented growth period for the corporation, leading it through an expansive 19-year period from a 20-employee \$25M startup to its current 300-employee operations pushing the \$1 Billion Mark with an established tier 1 client base of multi-billion-dollar clients and running 10 offices nationwide.



Jeff Hall

Founder & CEO, Paragon Construction Consulting & Solidus

Jeff Hall is a seasoned construction executive with nearly 40 years of experience leading high-profile projects across the U.S. and internationally. As Founder & CEO of Paragon Construction Consulting, Jeff has built a reputation for solving some of the industry's toughest challenges—turning around mismanaged, over-budget, and distressed projects into successful, high-performing developments. Under his leadership, Paragon has provided strategic oversight on more than \$8 billion in construction projects, spanning hospitality, mixed-use developments, sports facilities, and complex infrastructure. Jeff's notable projects include The Grand Californian Hotel at Disneyland, UCI Medical Center, and major mixed-use developments like Flushing Town Center and Sacramento's Downtown Commons (DOCO).

Before founding Paragon in 2008, Jeff rose through the ranks at Turner Construction, eventually serving as Vice President & Operations Manager in Orange County. His expertise in crisis management, construction oversight, and strategic project intervention has made Paragon a go-to firm for developers seeking predictable outcomes.

In addition to his work with Paragon, Jeff launched Solidus, a construction lending company addressing one of the industry's biggest financial pain points—cash flow constraints for subcontractors. Solidus empowers subcontractors by providing capital solutions for retention and material procurement, helping them maintain liquidity and continue operating efficiently. In 2024, Solidus was recognized as ACG's Start-Up of the Year, underscoring its role in transforming financial stability within the construction sector.

A Southern California native, Jeff's passion for building extends beyond construction sites—he's committed to community development through Paragon's employee-led charitable giving initiative and partnerships with organizations like HomeAid. His leadership in both construction management and financial innovation continues to shape the industry, ensuring projects are not only built but built successfully.

JUDGES



Eduardo Jordan

CPA (ret), MBA, CGMA

Ed Jordan is currently a Governing Board Member of the USC Leventhal School of Accounting. He has served as CFO and Senior V. P. of Operations at Ketel One Vodka and helped grow the company from virtually unknown to one of the leading top shelf vodka importers in the U. S. Also, while serving Ketel One, he was the lead manager of the U.S. finance and personnel function during the completion of the distribution joint venture between the Company and Diageo. He was an ACG Award winner while he served as CFO of Nolet Spirits. Over the years, Ed has negotiated several sales and acquisitions in the building material sector. He has since retired and enjoys sitting on various boards and serving as an ACG Awards Gala judge.



Hagan Kappler

Hagan Kappler is the founder and CEO of Daisy, the largest national brand in smart space installation and services. Prior to Daisy, Hagan was the CEO of Threshold Brands, a private equity backed home and commercial services company with nine brands and over 550 locations. Prior to Threshold, Hagan led ServiceMaster Clean and Merry Maids, a \$1B+ home and commercial services businesses with thousands of franchisees across the globe and supported the \$1.6B sale of ServiceMaster Brands to Roark Capital. Hagan led corporate development at Ingersoll Rand/Trane, a \$23B HVAC and industrial company. She led the launch of Blonde Roast at Starbucks. She has extensive strategy and M&A experience, including McKinsey & Company, as well as Goldman Sachs. Hagan holds a bachelor's degree in history from Williams College and an MBA from the Darden School at the University of Virginia. Hagan has four children and lives in Newport Beach, California.



Brent M. Kulp

Brent started in the highway safety business in 1988 when he joined a very young start-up company called Traffix Devices, Inc., founded by Brent's father, Jack, in 1987. At that time, Brent worked as the Western Region Sales Manager for Traffix, covering everything from Texas up to North Dakota and all states west from there, including Western Canada.

In 1998, Brent was promoted to VP Sales and Marketing, where he managed a team of sales and marketing professionals covering the entire US while still having direct sales responsibility for the untapped International market.

In 2020, Brent assumed the role of President and CEO of Traffix Devices, which requires him to be involved in all aspects of the business, including manufacturing, distribution, automation & expansion, as well as new product development. His focus is on developing and utilizing more recycled materials in many of Traffix Devices' products.

Brent is a native of California and a graduate of California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, California, where he studied business and marketing.

JUDGES



Guy Marsala

Corporate Director

Guy Marsala is an accomplished CEO, Independent Director, Operating Partner, Consultant, Executive Coach, and military veteran. He has built companies ranging from Fortune 500 (PepsiCo, Aramark, and American Hospital Supply) to Private Equity portfolio companies, to family-owned companies, to public companies. Guy has served on 13 boards and is available for appropriate Board assignments. Marsala can serve on Compensation and Audit committees and has experience as a Chairperson with 3 companies.



Liz McKinley

Pinnacle Petroleum

Liz McKinley started her illustrious career at Koch Industries as the first female oil trader. After working for various trading companies, she decided to leverage her experience and start her own wholesale distribution business in 1995. Liz is a prior winner of the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year award and the AGC Founders Award in 2022, as well as the OCBJ Business Woman of the Year.

Liz founded Pinnacle Petroleum, Inc., which has delivered fuel, lubricants, and specialty fuels nationwide for 27 years. Based in Orange County, Pinnacle is a best-in-class provider of fuel and fuel management services to commercial, retail, and government clients throughout the United States. Since founding the company, Liz has been a key component of Pinnacle's growth and success. Operating initially out of her home, the company steadily grew to just under 500M in revenue in 2022. Liz is known to be a hands-on leader who eagerly shares her knowledge with employees and fosters an environment of growth.



Francisco J. Morales

Co-Founder and Executive Chairman

Morales is recognized for his contributions to product innovation and entrepreneurship. Throughout his career, he has secured patents for best-selling products that have set industry standards. His entrepreneurial endeavors span across various sectors, demonstrating his versatility and innovative spirit. Esteemed organizations, including the Orange County Business Journal (OCBJ), have recognized him as a committed entrepreneur and innovator. Under his leadership, 5.11 received the prestigious ACG Global Award in 2020. Additionally, Morales is an active member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO), where he has served on the board of his local chapter in several capacities, including as Chapter Chair.

JUDGES



Arie Shen

Founder, Board Member, CxO, EASTM (Executive As a Service)

As a board member, fractional CxO, Executive as a Service (EaSTM), technologist & master of Business Development and Sales, Arie has been helping companies succeed in the US and in international markets. His expertise brings technological solutions to business problems, sales and growth for his clients, operations alignment, and functional tweaking while performing operational oversight and process improvements.



Lori A. Torres

Founder and Prior CEO, Parcel Pending, Entrepreneur/Coach/Advisor

Lori A. Torres is the founder and prior CEO of Parcel Pending, the nation's leading provider of package management solutions, and brings over 25 years of real estate experience. Her leadership has earned numerous honors, including the 2017 Orange County Business Journal "Innovator of the Year," EY Entrepreneurial Winning Women™ 2017, and EY Regional Entrepreneur of the Year 2019.

Previously, as SVP at The Irvine Company, she oversaw 1,200 property management associates across 44,000 apartment homes. She currently holds multiple board positions and advises and coaches entrepreneurs.

Lori holds an MBA from Pepperdine University and is the proud mother of two sons and grandmother of four.

COMMITTEE CAPTAINS

Serving as an ACG Awards Captain is an honor reserved for a dedicated group of committee leaders. It requires a significant commitment of time and effort in vetting our many nominees as well as coordinating key elements of the event itself. They deserve gold medals for their excellent work!



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PROGRAM AGENDA

5:00 - 6:30 PM
Receptions

6:30 - 8:30 PM
Dinner and Awards



Emcee - Tim Conway, Jr.

Tim Conway Jr. is a prominent Southern California radio personality, best known as the host of *The Tim Conway Jr. Show* on KFI AM 640. He is the son of legendary comedian Tim Conway and has carved out a successful career in talk radio through his humorous take on news, local events, and Hollywood. His show can be heard - often in places far outside California, thanks to KFI's powerful frequency - from 6-10 pm, Monday-Friday.

Tim has been honored with a Golden Mic award, an Edward R. Murrow award, and a 2016 Marconi nomination for "Personality of the Year." In 2025, he was named in *Talkers* magazine "Heavy 100."

ORDER OF AWARDS

① Reinventing

A company that reinvented a process, system or business to compete in their market. May also be a successful turnaround.

② Founders

Long-standing business leader for corporate growth and community service.

③ Green/Sustainability

An environmentally friendly company that has a unique product, manufacturing process, service or vendor relationship benefitting our environment. A company that stewards long-term consumer and employee value by implementing a "green strategy" designed to respect and sustain the natural environment.

④ Start-Up

A company with at least one million in current revenue, in existence five years or less, that offers a unique or disruptive product or service and has significant growth prospects.

⑤ Corporate Responsibility

A company that has contributed to the community in a significant way.

⑥ Sustained Growth

A company with annual revenue over \$50M that exhibits distinctive strategic positioning, sustainable growth and profit over the last two to three years.

⑦ Spotlight

A company that has experienced a significant M&A transaction, or a PE-backed company, demonstrating above average financial performance.

⑧ Innovation

A company that uses innovation to differentiate itself in the marketplace and drive the success of its business.

⑨ Emerging Growth

A company with annual revenue under \$50M that exhibits distinctive strategic positioning, sustainable growth and profit over the last two to three years.

⑩ Global

A dynamic, growing company headquartered in Orange County or the Inland Empire with operations worldwide.

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REINVENTING



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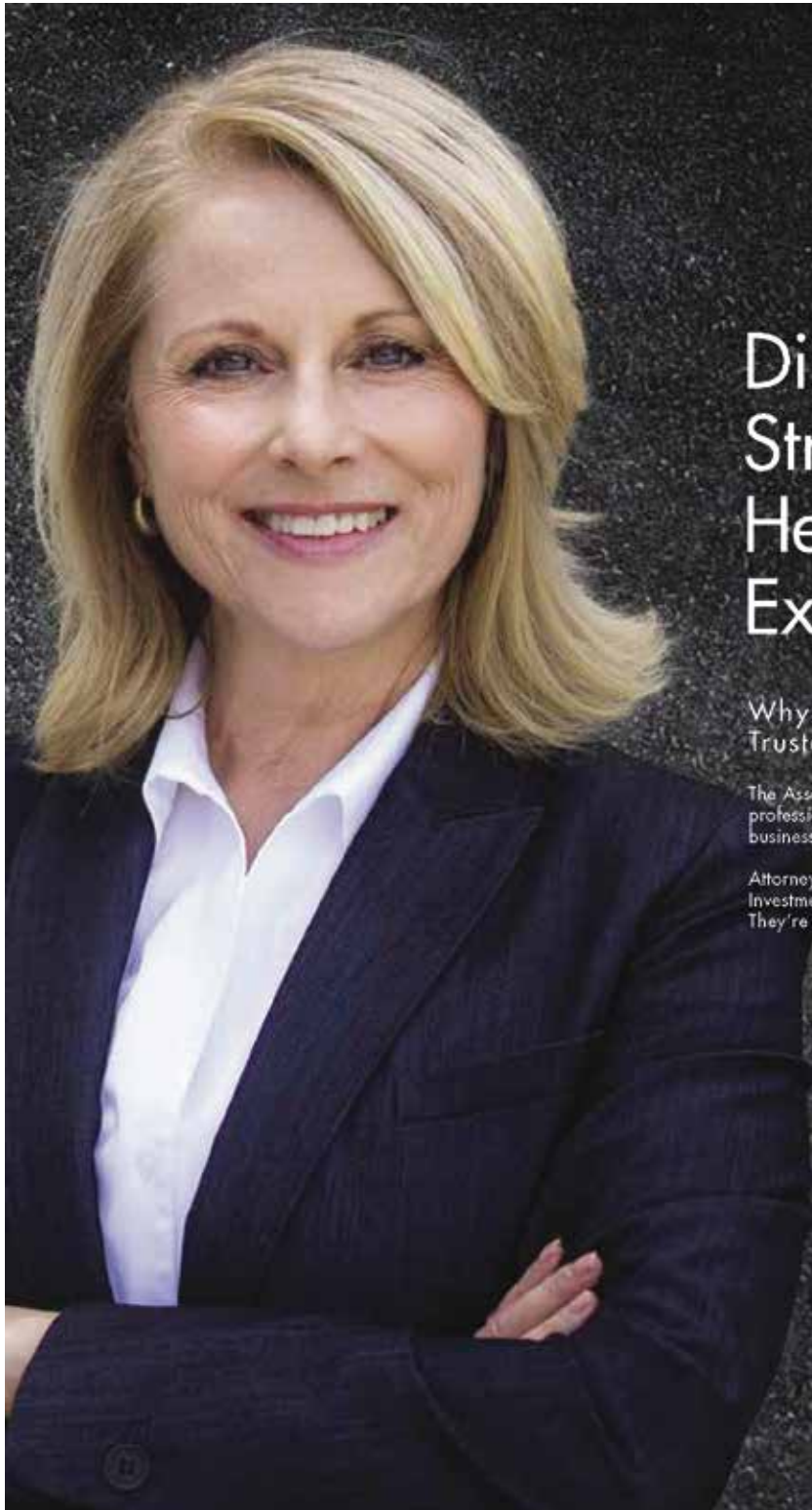
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