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## SCBT Awards Celebrate Local Business Success

**Santa Barbara, CA** — Several prominent organizations and individuals were honored at the 2018 South Coast Business & Technology Awards ceremony, held Wednesday, June 6, at the Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort. Now in their 24<sup>th</sup> year, the awards celebrate innovation, leadership, and success in the area’s business and technology sectors. Proceeds from the event benefit the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara.

“Since 2001, South Coast Business & Technology Awards ceremonies have provided about \$2 million to more than 700 students pursuing degrees in business and technology-related fields,” said Barbara Robertson, interim president and CEO of the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara. “We are very grateful for such generous support from our local business and technology community.”

More than 600 people attended the June 6 ceremony. Serving as event Steering Committee co-chairs again this year were Arnold Brier, vice president and general counsel for Yardi Systems, and Renee Grubb, founder of Village Properties. The all-volunteer Steering Committee selects honorees and raises funds to put on the annual event. In addition to the 2018 honorees listed below, a special one-time “Heroes Award” was presented to area first responders for their efforts during the Thomas Fire and its aftermath.

2018 South Coast Business & Technology Awards honorees:

- Excellence in Service: KEYT/KCOY/KKFX
- Entrepreneur of the Year: Guy De Mangeon (The Berry Man, Inc.)
- Company of the Year: Rusty’s Pizza Parlors
- Executive of the Year: Janet Garufis
- Pioneer Award: Dr. John Bowers

The Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara is the nation's largest community-based provider of college scholarships, having cumulatively awarded in excess of \$108 million to more than 50,000 county students since its founding in 1962. A nonprofit organization, the Scholarship Foundation also provides free financial aid advising services. For additional information, visit [www.sbscholarship.org](http://www.sbscholarship.org).

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