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SCBT Awards Celebrate Local Business Success

Santa Barbara, CA — Several prominent organizations and individuals were honored at the 2019 South Coast Business & Technology Awards ceremony held June 4 at the Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort. Now in their 25th 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. This year’s ceremony grossed more than \$300,000, an all-time high.

“Since 2001, South Coast Business & Technology Awards ceremonies have provided more than \$2 million to some 900 students pursuing degrees in business and technology-related fields,” said Victoria Juarez, 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.”

About 650 people attended the June 4 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.

2019 South Coast Business & Technology Awards honorees:

- Excellence in Service: CALM (Child Abuse Listening Mediation)
- Entrepreneur of the Year: Kevin O’Connor
- Company of the Year: Procore Technologies
- Executive of the Year: Jeff DeVine (President and CEO of American Riviera Bank)
- Pioneer Award: Attorney Mike Pfau
- Rising Stars: Apeel Sciences, Next Energy Technologies, and ParentSquare

The Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara is the nation’s largest community-based provider of college scholarships, having cumulatively awarded in excess of \$115 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.

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