

EY US unveils Michael E. Jordan of UNRL as an Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2025 Heartland Award finalist

Entrepreneur Of The Year celebrates ambitious entrepreneurs who are shaping the future

SAINT PAUL, MN, UNITED STATES, May 5, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Ernst & Young LLP (EY US) announced the finalists for the prestigious Entrepreneur Of The Year 2025 Heartland Award. Now in its 40th year, the Entrepreneur Of The Year program celebrates the bold leaders who disrupt markets through the world's most ground-breaking companies, revolutionizing industries and making a profound impact on communities. The program honors bold entrepreneurs whose innovations shape the future and pave the way for a thriving economy and a hopeful tomorrow. The Heartland program celebrates entrepreneurs from Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota.

An independent panel of judges selected Michael E. Jordan among 30 finalists for their entrepreneurial spirit, purpose, growth and lasting impact in building long-term value.

"I'm incredibly honored to be selected as a finalist for the Heartland Region. This is my third time participating and becoming a finalist, so I'm hopeful this will be our year to win. This award is a true testament to my team and the hard work they put in each and every day. I couldn't be more proud to lead such a high-powered, dedicated team of people. We started this company a decade ago with just a few hundred dollars, so it's truly remarkable to see how far we've come. We believe there's still a lot of runway ahead of us, and we're only just scratching the surface of our potential. It'll be even more exciting to see what we're able to accomplish over the next decade." – Michael E. Jordan

Entrepreneur Of The Year honors business leaders for their ingenuity, courage and entrepreneurial spirit. The program celebrates original founders who bootstrapped their business from inception or who raised outside capital to grow their company; transformational CEOs who infused innovation into an existing organization to catapult its trajectory; and multigenerational family business leaders who reimagined a legacy business model to strengthen it for the future.

Regional award winners will be announced on Thursday, June 19, during a special celebration in Minneapolis and will become lifetime members of an esteemed community of Entrepreneur Of The Year alumni from around the world. The winners will then be considered by the National

judges for the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards, which will be presented in November at the annual <u>Strategic Growth Forum</u>®, one of the nation's most prestigious gatherings of highgrowth, market-leading companies.

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ABOUT ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

Founded in 1986, Entrepreneur Of The Year has celebrated more than 11,000 ambitious visionaries who are leading successful, dynamic businesses in the US, and it has since expanded to nearly 60 countries globally.

The US program consists of 17 regional programs whose panels of independent judges select the regional award winners every June. Those winners compete for national recognition at the Strategic Growth Forum[®] in November where National finalists and award winners are announced. The overall National winner represents the US at the EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year™ competition. Visit <u>ey.com/us/eoy</u>.

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