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## Five9 CEO Mike Burkland Named EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2017 Finalist

SAN RAMON, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- EY today announced that Mike Burkland, CEO of Five9 is a finalist for the Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2017 Award in Northern California. The awards program, which is celebrating its 31st year, recognizes entrepreneurs who are excelling in areas such as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Burkland was selected as a finalist by a panel of independent judges.

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Under Mike Burkland's leadership as president and CEO, Five9 has grown from an 80-person start up with \$10 million in annual revenue to an 800-person public company with over \$160 million in annual revenue. Today Five9 is the largest and fastest growing independent provider of cloud contact center software and the company is valued at over \$1 billion.

One of Mike's leadership philosophies is that running a successful business is similar to running a successful sports franchise. Mike believes that business is the "ultimate team sport." Success in both business and sports requires three key ingredients: talent, team chemistry, and strategy.

Five9's tremendous success over the last nine years under Mike's leadership clearly demonstrates this philosophy is working and working well.

Now in its 31st year, the program has expanded to recognize business leaders in over 145 cities and more than 60 countries

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throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration in the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award winner, will be announced at the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards gala in Palm Springs, California, November 18, 2017. The awards are the culminating event of the Strategic Growth Forum, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies. The Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award winner moves on to compete for the World Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in Monaco in June 2018.

Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on June 23rd at The Fairmont in San Jose, California.

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Founded and produced by EY, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards are nationally sponsored in the US by SAP America, Merrill Corporation and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

In Northern California, regional Gold sponsors include SolomonEdwards; Silver sponsors include Big Picture Inc. and Chatham Financial.

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Five9 is a leading provider of cloud software for the enterprise contact center market, bringing the power of the cloud to thousands of customers and facilitating more than three billion customer interactions annually. Since 2001, Five9 has led the cloud revolution in contact centers, helping organizations transition from legacy premise-based solutions to the cloud. Five9 provides businesses with reliable, secure, compliant, and scalable cloud contact center software designed to create exceptional customer experiences, increase agent productivity, and deliver tangible business results. For more information, visit [www.five9.com](http://www.five9.com).

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## About Entrepreneur Of The Year®

EY's Entrepreneur Of The Year® is one of the world's most prestigious business awards programs for entrepreneurs, chosen from an independent panel of judges including entrepreneurs and prominent leaders from business, finance, and the local community. The program makes a difference through the way it encourages entrepreneurial activity among those with potential and recognizes the contribution of people who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement. Entrepreneur Of The Year celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 145 cities in more than 60 countries. [ey.com/eoy](http://ey.com/eoy)

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