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## Family Businesses Honored at OCBJ Award Ceremony

Nearly 350 members of the Orange County business community attended the 23rd annual Family-Owned Business Awards ceremony on June 2. The ceremony, held at the Irvine Marriott, celebrates distinguished OC-based family-owned firms who have made noticeable community contributions and business accomplishments.

Kelly Vlahakis-Hanks, CEO of Cypress-based ECOS, delivered the keynote address, during which she discussed the importance of family-owned businesses to the American economy and shared the origin story of ECOS, a provider of sustainable cleaning products founded by her father in 1987. This page includes a collection of photos from the event, as well as a pre-event gathering for nominees and event sponsors.



**Tax & Financial Group, one of five award honorees**



**Todd Hollander of MUFG Union Bank**



**Publisher Richard Holman with keynote speaker Kelly Vlahakis-Hanks**



**Alan and Susan Fuerstman with Montage family members**



**Arshad Bokerya of Commercial Bank of California, the event's diamond sponsor, introduces keynote speaker**



**Award winner Zesty Olives Mediterranean Grill**



**Scott Coles of platinum sponsor WMBC Financial**



**Richard Ahn of platinum sponsor CommerceWest Bank with award nominee Jay Lukes**



**Jeffery Verdon of platinum sponsor Jeffery M. Verdon Law Group**



**Award winners, event sponsors and Business Journal staff at conclusion of event**

