

The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc.

Immigrant Entrepreneur Awards

In its sixth year, The ILC Immigrant Entrepreneur Awards bring together Massachusetts business and community leaders to honor the successes of outstanding immigrant entrepreneurs and raise awareness of the important contributions of immigrant business owners across the commonwealth. The awards dinner, attended by 250 or more supporters, is held annually at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, Cambridge.



Garo Armen
Agenus Inc.
Life Science Business
2016 Winner

Herby Duverne
Taino Consulting Group, LLC
Business Growth
2016 Winner

Mihael Mikek
Celtra, Inc.
High-Tech Business
2016 Winner

Gerardo Loza and Hilda Torres
My Little Best Friends Early Learning Center
Neighborhood Business
2016 Winners

2017 Nomination Requirements

Nominations will be accepted until March 10, 2017.

Self-nominations are encouraged.



Neighborhood Business

- Foreign-born founder currently in senior management or board role of business founded in Massachusetts in 2013 or earlier
- Distinguished themselves through the impact they and their business have on the neighborhood



High-Tech and Life Science

- Foreign-born founder currently in senior management or board role of business founded in Massachusetts in 2013 or earlier
- \$2 million or more in 2016 revenue or \$2 million of investment since 2013
- Made significant contributions to their field



Business Growth

- Foreign-born founder currently in senior management or board role of business founded in Massachusetts in 2013 or earlier
- Profitable business with \$2 million or more in 2016 revenue experiencing robust job growth with 10 or more FTE employees in MA
- Exhibit outstanding leadership in workforce development, employee relations, community relations, industry expansion and/or corporate citizenship

Questions about the nomination process?

Ask Karen Glover, director of communications,
at (781) 322-9777 or kglover@ilctr.org.

The 2017 ILC Immigrant Entrepreneur Awards

Benefits

- All nominees are featured on the website, are included in press releases and media outreach, and receive recognition and citations at the awards dinner.
- The elegant awards dinner provides both recognition and networking opportunities with fellow entrepreneurs and business and community leaders.
- The winner and nominator in every category are each offered a free ticket to the awards dinner.
- Throughout the process, the profile of immigrant entrepreneurs is raised in Massachusetts.



Sample Sponsors and Supporters

- Jay Ash, MA Secretary of Housing and Economic Development
- Doug Banks, *Boston Business Journal*
- Abi Barrow, Massachusetts Technology Transfer Center
- David Parker, Entrepreneurship for All
- Ernst & Young
- Sullivan & Worcester LLP

For a complete list of winners, nominees and sponsors, please visit www.ilctr.org.

Business Growth Winners



Left to right: Helene and Thomas Stohr, swissbakers (2015), Fitzroy Alexander, Traditional Breads, Inc. (2014)

Neighborhood Business Winners



Top row: Nisaury and Rosa Tejada and Victoria Amador, Tremendous Maid LLC (2014)
Bottom row: Damaris Pimentel, Ultra Beauty Salon (2015)

High-Tech and Life Science Business Winners



Top row: Dries Buytaert, Acquia (2015); Laxman Desai, Toxikon Corporation (2015); and Josef von Rickenbach, PAREXEL International Corp. (2014)
Bottom row: Fauzia and Mansoor Khan, Alere Analytics (2014)

About the Immigrant Learning Center, Inc.

The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. (ILC) of Malden, MA, is a not-for-profit organization that gives immigrants a voice in three ways. The English-language program provides free, year-round English classes to immigrant and refugee adults in Greater Boston to help them become successful workers, parents and community members. The Public Education Institute informs Americans about the economic and social contributions of immigrants in our society, and the Institute for Immigration Research, a joint venture with George Mason University, conducts research on the economic contributions of immigrants. For more information, visit the website at www.ilctr.org.