

The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc.

Immigrant Entrepreneur Awards



2017 #ILCTRewards winners: Johannes Fruehauf, Jose de la Rosa, Sandro Catanzaro, Josefina Luna.

In its seventh year, The ILC Immigrant Entrepreneur Awards brings 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 supporters, is held annually at the Royal Sonesta Boston.

“Behind all of our foreign-born business owners are incredible stories of resilience and ambition. These Awards honor their contributions and their tireless work to achieve the American Dream, and I’m proud to be part of it.”

Saritin Rizzuto,
Metro Credit Union



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Nomination Requirements

Neighborhood Business

- Foreign-born founder currently in senior management of business founded in Mass. in 2014 or earlier
- Distinguished themselves through the impact they and their business have on the neighborhood

Business Growth

- Foreign-born founder in management or board role of business founded in Mass. in 2014 or earlier
- Profitable business with \$2 million or more in 2017 revenue experiencing robust job growth
- Ten or more FTE employees in MA
- Exhibit outstanding leadership in workforce development, employee relations, community relations, industry expansion and/or corporate citizenship

High-Tech or Life Science

- Foreign-born founder of business founded in Mass. in 2014 or earlier
- Made significant contributions to their field
- \$2 million or more in 2017 revenue or \$2 million of investment since 2014

Self-nominations encouraged. Nominations accepted until March 9.

“No other program gets to the heart of entrepreneurship like The ILC Immigrant Entrepreneur Awards, because no one knows more about risk and reward than the honorees.”

Doug Banks,
Boston Business Journal

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.

Past Winners Include



Amar Sawhney
Ocular Therapeutix



Dries Buytaert
Acquia



Fitzroy Alexander
Traditional Breads



Victoria Amadao
(pictured), Nisaury Tejeda, Rosa Tejeda
Tremendous Maid



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