

- 2015**
Entrepreneur of the Year, Sphero
Entrepreneur Legacy, Dave Query, Big Red F
Restaurant Group
Entrepreneurial Community Builder, Peter
Grant Johnson
Esprit Venture Challenge, Surya Conver-
sions
- 2014**
Entrepreneurial Leadership, TwitterTM
Esprit Impact, Boulder County Farmer's
Market & founders
Entrepreneur of the Year, Cheryl and Sam
Sussman, Eight Days a Week
Venture of the Year, Congo
- 2013**
Entrepreneurial Leadership Award, Steve
Hughes, Boulder Brands
Esprit Impact Award, Unreasonable Institute
Entrepreneur of the Year, Ingrid Alongi, Quick
Left, Inc.
Civic Entrepreneurship Awards: City of Boul-
der, boulder county, The Community Founda-
tion, Foothills United Way, Boulder Flood
Relief, Ball Corp.
- 2012**
Entrepreneurs of the Year
Adrian Tuck
Tim Enwall
Entrepreneurs of Distinction
Philip Anson
Julian Fariior
Dale Thoms
J. Brad Beruthal
BIG Ideas Award
GNIP
Next Big Sound
- 2011**
Adrian Tuck and Tim Enwall, *Tendril*
Phil Anson, *Evol Foods*
Julian Fariior and Dale Thoms, *Backflip Stu-
dios*
Brad Bernthal, *Silicon Flatirons Center-
Planchard Award*
- 2010**
Steve Savage, *EcoProducts*
Dan Caruso, *Zayo Group*
Mike Gilliland, *Sunflower Market*
Lachlan Mackinnon Patterson and
Bobby Stuckey, *Frasca Food and Wine*
David Cohen and Brad Feld, *TechStars -
Entrepreneurial Accelerator*
Linnea Simons – *Planchard Award*
- Mark Retzlloff — *Lifetime Achievement*
- 2009**
Jim Linfield, *Cooley Godward Kronish —
Lifetime Achievement*
- 2008**
Mark Plaatjes and Johnny Halberstadt, *Boulder
Running Company*
Rajat Bhargava, *Still Secure*
Joshua Onysko, *Pangea Organics*
Krista Marks, Johnathan Ballagh, Tom Fishaber
and Brent Milne, *Kerpoof*
Steve Demos, *NextFoods—Lifetime Achieve-
ment*
Mike Platt, *Cooley Godward Kronish—
Planchard Award*
- 2007**
Tim Miller and Ryan Martens, *Rally Software*
Demitri and Kim Coupounas, *Go Lite*
Eric Wallace, *LeftHand Brewing Company*
Rick Malone, *Kiosk Information Systems*
Brad Feld, *Foundry Group and Mobius Venture
Capital—Planchard Award*
Bill Perry, *Soft Bridge advisors—Lifetime
Achievement*
- 2006**
Brad Schell and Joe Esch, *Sketch-Up (Google)*
Barry Perzow, *Pharmaca*
Bill Chambers, *Left Hand Networks*
Ken Collins and Nebosa Janjic, *Replidyne*
Catherine Merigold, *Vista Ventures—Planchard
Award*
- 2005**
Rami Merheb, *Corporate Plus*
Mary Beth & Ron Laugherty, *MicroAnalysis and
Design*
Tre Cates, *Silicon Mountain Memory*
Scott Martin, *Ellora Energy*
Dave Cook—*Lifetime Achievement*
Mike Bearup—*Planchard Award*
- 2004**
Gary Neptune, *Neptune Mountaineering*
Frank Day
Bob Greenlee
Margaret Hansson
Bruce Holland
Marvin H. Caruthers Ph.D., *University of Colora-
do*
Tom Cech Ph.D., *University of Colorado and
Howard Hughes Medical Institute*
Larry Gold Ph.D., *University of Colorado and
Somalogic, Inc.*
- Jesse Aweida, Zoltan Herger, Tom Kavanagh,
and Juan Rodriguez, *StorageTek*
Merc Mercure, *Ball Aerospace*
Celestial Seasonings:
Barnet Feinblum, John Hay
Mo Siegel
- 2003**
Dr. Walter Scott, *DigitalGlobe*
Marvin Caruthers, *University of Colorado*
Doris Houghland, *Peppercorn*
James Tanner, Catherine Allegra, *Wall Street
on Demand*
R. Milton Huffaker, *Coherent Technologies*
- 2002**
Bob Greenlee
Aaron Kennedy, *Noodles & Co.*
Cindy Carrillo, *Work Options Group*
Paul Berberian, Todd Vemon, & Jim LeJeal,
Raindance Communications
Lew Frauenfelder, *Benchmark Storage Innova-
tions, Inc.*
- 2001**
Jerry Donahue
Jonathon Sawyer, Steve Wulchin, *Free Wave
Technologies*
Jim Andrews, Susan McMynn, Scott Andrews,
Picosecond Pulse Labs
Tom Benjamin, Charles Anderson, John Britton,
Rich Zwiebel, *Peak Audio*
Dr. Yubong Hahn, *Rocky Mountain Instrument*
Alex Christianian, Jirair Christianian, Kaloust
Christianian, *Mike's Camera*
- 2000**
Denis Nock
Steve Flannery, Steve Schaefer, Cindy Lindsay,
Sitera
Terry Gold, Jim Fudge, *Gold Systems*
Tom Higley, Niel Robertson, *Service Metric*
David Bolduc, *Boulder Book Store*
Jared Schutz Polis, Bluenestmountain.com
- 1999**
Tom Washing, *Sequel Venture Partners*
Bradley A. Feld, Andrew Currie, Brian Makare,
MessageMedia, Inc.
Michael Rice, Richard Sterling, *Sterling-Rice
Group*
Karen Bemardi, *Century-21 the Bemardi Group*
Mark Stevenson, *E-M Solutions*
K. David Carson, Janet Fogg, Eduardo A. Illanes,
Paul L. Trementozzi & Robert West, *OZ Architec-
ture*

Esprit Past Award Winners

Continued

1998

Bob Beauprez, *Heritage Bank*
Mark Retzliff, Paul Repetto, Marc Peperzak,
Bamet Feinblum, *Horizon Organic Dairy*
Bob Gill, *Mobile Force Technologies, Inc.*
Pete Ester, *MatchLogic*
Roger Koenig & Nancy Pierce, *Carrier Access Corp.*
Scott Tibbitts & Daryl Maus, *Starsys Research*

1997

David Stern, *Research Systems*
R.C. "Merc" Mercure, Jr.
Steve Boas, Bob Coleman, *Design Fabricators*
Sherri Leopard, *Leopard Communications*
Misha Plam, *Sievers Instruments*
Tami Simon, *Sounds True*

1996

Tim Standciffe, *K-Graphics*
Meg Hansson, *AquaLogic*
Bernard Gateau, *International Language Engineering Corporation*
Kay von Metzger, *Colorado Home Care*
Jim Talaric & Jim Barber, *Fusion Specialties*
Mat McConnell, *Compatible Systems*

1995

Jirka Rysavy, *Corporate Express*
John Hill, Carl Carman, Hill, *Carman Ventures*
Jeffrey Cohn, *Allegro Coffee Company*
Mark Crossen, *Amrion*
John Ramsey, *Access Graphics*
Mary Ellen, Thom Vernon, *Fresh Produce Sportswear*
Phillip Wiland, *Concepts Direct*

1994

Bill Reynolds, *The W.W. Reynolds Companies*
Tom Brock, *Brock & Company, CPAs, P.C.*
Henry Beer, Richard Foy, Janet Martin, *Communication Arts*
Ed Johnson, *Hi-Tech Manufacturing*
Gina Day and Diane Greenlee, *Rockies Brewing Company*
George Heinrichs, *SCC Communications*
Steve Demos, *White Wave, inc.*

1993

Dean Stull & Randy Daughenbaugh, *Hauser Chemical Research*
Bob Charles, *McDonald's Restaurants*
Kathey Pear, *Pear Commercial Interiors*
Danny Souders, *Western Disposal*
Charles Demarest, *Kryptonics, inc.*
Rick Patch, *Micro Decisionware*
Dr. Robert Knolienberg, *Particle Measuring Systems*

1992

Tom Ward, *Data Storage Marketing*
Bill Coleman, *Colorado Venture Management*
Frank Day, *Concept Restaurants*
Susan Routt, *Fibrotek Industries*
Ahmad Akrami, *Technistar Corporation*
Libby Cook & Mike Gilliland, *Wild Oats Markets*
Dr. Charles Scoggin, *Somatogen*

1991

Douglas B. MacGregor, *Solbourne Computer inc.*
Jesse I. Aweida, *Aweida Ventures Management*
Jordan Baine, *Quarterdeck Systems/ Fathom Technologies*
David L. Jacobs, *Spyder Active Sports*
Richard W. Barrett, *Leasetec Corp.*
David J. Hunter, *BI, Inc.*

1990

Jimmy Calano & Jeff Salzman, *CareerTrack*
Edward P. Trumble, *Leanin' Tree Publishing*
David K. Hight, *McGuckin Hardware*
Marcia Greiner, *Our Kids, Ltd.*
Donald Sherwood, *Sherwood Enterprises*
Thomas & Caroline Hoyt, *McStain Enterprises*
James M Temple, *CaseLogic*
James C Cambell, *Life Care*

1989

Juan Rodriguez, *Exabyte*
Harold Short, *Flatiron Companies*
Carol Grevey Gray and Jim Gray, *Express Services, Inc.*
Larry Soll, *Synergen*
Mark Retzliff and S. M. Hassan, *Alfalpa's*
Ken Pratt, *Pratt Partnership*
Macy Price, *Engineered Data Products*

1988

Bruce Holland, *Cadnetix*
Jack McDonnell, *McData Corporation*
Ryal Poppa, *STC*
Stu Patterson, *Mesa Archival Systems*
Randall Daughenbaugh and Dean Stull, *Hauser Chemical*
Jeff Cohn, *Allegro Coffee*
Joe Tallman, *Consumer Health Services, Inc.*
Jim Edwards, *TelWatch*
Jim Starzl, *BioStar Medical Products, Inc.*
Douglas MacGregor, *Solbourne, Inc.*
W. Bayne Gibson, *Stoodynamics, Inc.*
Mike Evans, *CODAR Technology, Inc.*
John O'Neill, *TelWatch*
David Hunter, *BI*
Dean Leffingwell, *RELA, Inc.*
John Popkin and David Bruce, *Advance Forming Technology*
Robert Louthan, *Unisys Corporation*

1987

Binx Selby, *Binx Creative Group*
Michael Hickey, *Soricon*
Michael Exner, *Skylink*
Larry Soll, *Synergen*
James Gray, *Express Services*
John Hay, *Cell Technology*
Skip Miller, *Boulder Brewery*
Michael Fain, *El Corporation*
Juan Rodriguez, *Exabyte*
Susan Polis Schultz, *Blue Mountain Arts*
Mark Retzliff, *Natural Horizons*
James Warner, *Precision Visuals*
Glenn Edens, *WaveFrame*
Peter Gombrich, *CliniCom*
Steven Smith, *Reference Technology*
Peter Williams, *Aspen Ribbons*
Steven Demos, *White Wave Soy Foods*
Ed Massey, *Round the Corner*
Gary Jacobs, *Capital Associates*

1986

Mo Siegel, *Celestial Seasonings*
Jimmy Calano, *CareerTrack*
Sharon Hanifin, *US Express*
Dean Stull, *Hauser Laboratories*
Mickey Fain, *El Corporation*
Jeff Sauter, *Renaissance Graphics*
Nathan Thompson, *Western Automation Lab*
Daniela Kuper, *Kuper Advertising*
Michael Walsh, *Vac-Tec Systems*
Michael Hickey, *Soricon Corporation*
Carl Thompson, *Carl Thompson Associates*

1985

Robert Anderson, *ValleyLab*
James Campbell, *Lifecare*
James Warner, *Precision Visuals*
Dale Johnson, *Johnson Engineering*
Bernard Bach, *Hyperfine*
Jim & Carol Gray, *Express Services*
Thomas Kent, *Medical Electronics Corp. of America*
Ivan Perez Mendez, *Emerging Technology*
Jeff Sauter, *Spectrum HoloByte, Inc.*
Jerry Smart, *Boulder Brewing Company*
Jody Stock, *Jody's Sweat Shop*
Lockett Wood, *Cybermedic*
Dean Leffingwell, *RELA Systems*
Kirk Peck, *Colorado Copier Systems*
Alice Seigal, *Allpets Clinic*
Danny Souders, *Western Disposal*
Lars Wahlin, *Colutron Research Corporation*