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## One Southern Indiana Announces ACE Awards Winners

**New Albany, Ind.** - (November 17, 2015) – One Southern Indiana (1si) announced the winners of their first annual ACE Awards. The ACE awards are a spin-off of the ONE Awards and focus solely on individual 1si members and their achievements. The winners received recognition at a luncheon held today at Kye’s in Jeffersonville. More than 200 attendees celebrated the success of the winners.

The program recognized three finalists in three categories and one individual for the first ever Chairman’s Legacy Award, which recognizes a member who has had a profound effect on One Southern Indiana as an organization. Each of the finalists, as well as the Chairman’s Legacy Award honoree, was showcased in a customized video before representatives of the sponsor of each award announced the winners.

“The ACE Awards ceremony highlights the incredibly talented individuals we have in Southern Indiana,” said Wendy Dant Chesser, President and CEO of 1si. “As always, the caliber of nominees was top notch and the competition was fierce. The online voting, which was new for these awards, really made a difference with two out of the three nominees receiving enough votes to move them into first place. The day was a testament to both the quality and the quantity of leaders we have within the One Southern Indiana membership and I am proud they are receiving the recognition they richly deserve.”

Congratulations to the 2015 winners:

Axiom Financial Strategies of Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC **James W. Robinson ACE Award for Young Professional of the Year**

- Teresa Jackson, Rauch, Inc.

Duke Energy **Kevin Hammersmith ONE Award for Community Leader**

- Stefanie Griffith, Strandz Salon & Threadz Boutique

Kightlinger & Gray **Sam Day ONE Award for Professional of the Year**

- Dr. Daniel Eichenberger, Floyd Memorial Hospital & Health Services

**Chairman’s Legacy Award**

- Kerry Stemler, KM Stemler Company, Inc.

The winners, with the exception of the Chairman’s Legacy Award, were chosen by an independent panel of judges based on criteria of business history, community involvement, response to adversity, newly-created opportunities, and innovation in products or services. The Chairman’s Legacy Award is

only given at the discretion of the Chairman of the Board with input from 1si Executive Board Members and the President and CEO.

**One Southern Indiana's ACE Awards Program was sponsored by:**

**Platinum Sponsors:** Axiom Financial Strategies Group of Wells Fargo Advisors; Duke Energy; and Kightlinger and Gray, LLP. **Gold Sponsors:** AT&T Indiana; Monroe Shine; New Age Communications; and Sounds Unlimited Productions. **Cocktail Reception Sponsors:** Carnegie Center for Art and History and Huber's Orchard, Winery and Vineyards. Special thanks to Mr. Tim Dench, Jeffersonville High School and his TV/Radio students for the production of the finalist's videos and event videotaping.

**About One Southern Indiana:**

*One Southern Indiana (1si) was formed in July of 2006 as the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development organization serving Clark and Floyd Counties. 1si's mission is to provide the connections, resources and services that help businesses innovate and thrive in the Southern Indiana/Louisville metro area.*

*Since its inception, the organization has evolved to include a three-prong approach to serve its members and investors. Business Resources, as the chamber side of the organization, encompasses membership, signature events and programs which support and encourage business growth; Economic Development works to grow the regional economy through the attraction of new commerce and assists with retention and expansion of existing businesses; Advocacy supports businesses at the government level by engaging in initiatives to preserve, protect and promote a business friendly environment free of obstacles to growth and development of commerce.*

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