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Local Businessman Chosen for Prestigious Award from ICSC

Atlanta, GA – March 23, 2016 – Vaughn D. Irons, an Atlanta-based, residential and mixed-use real estate developer, has been awarded the prestigious International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Foundation's John T. Riordan International Scholarship. Irons is one of 15 global leaders to receive this distinguished award. He is also the first from the state of Georgia since 2009 to receive this honor by the leading global trade association of the shopping center industry.

"I am very grateful to be selected by the ICSC Foundation as a John T. Riordan recipient. I recognize how important the retail real estate industry is to enhancing the value of a community," Irons said. "I am certain the program will augment my understanding of how to navigate the completion of retail real estate projects and make me a more accomplished development professional."

The [John T. Riordan School](#) offers a week of rigorous study where attendees will deepen their knowledge of retail property and shopping centers, learn from experts, share ideas and identify successful strategies alongside colleagues from around the world.

Irons is very active in the Atlanta community as the CEO of APD Solutions. He also serves on several Boards including the DeKalb Chamber and is a member of Leadership Atlanta's 2016 class. As a Riordan Scholar, Irons will have all expenses covered to attend the John T. Riordan School for Professional Development in either Scottsdale, AZ or Miami, FL. The scholarship covers enrollment fees, textbooks, workbooks, airfare and hotel accommodations.

Irons and the other recipients will be honored at the *Recon: The Global Real Estate Convention* on Mon., May 23 in Las Vegas. The award presentation will be made at 12 noon during a luncheon at the Westgate Hotel in the Paradise Ballroom.

The ICSC John T. Riordan School is designed to provide attendees with an unparalleled curriculum that is uniquely customized with regional real estate concepts, issues and case studies. Attendees include fast-rising executives, ambitious newcomers and experienced industry professionals, all serious about their careers and dedicated to enhancing their skills.

About the ICSC Foundation - The ICSC Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the ICSC whose mission is to strengthen the global retail real estate industry by supporting students, professionals and the philanthropic work of shopping centers. For more information, visit www.icscfoundation.org.

About ICSC - Founded in 1957, ICSC is the premier global trade association of the retail and shopping center industry. Its more than 70,000 members in over 100 countries include shopping center owners, developers, managers, marketing specialists, investors, retailers and brokers, as well as academics and public officials. For more information, visit www.icsc.org.

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