

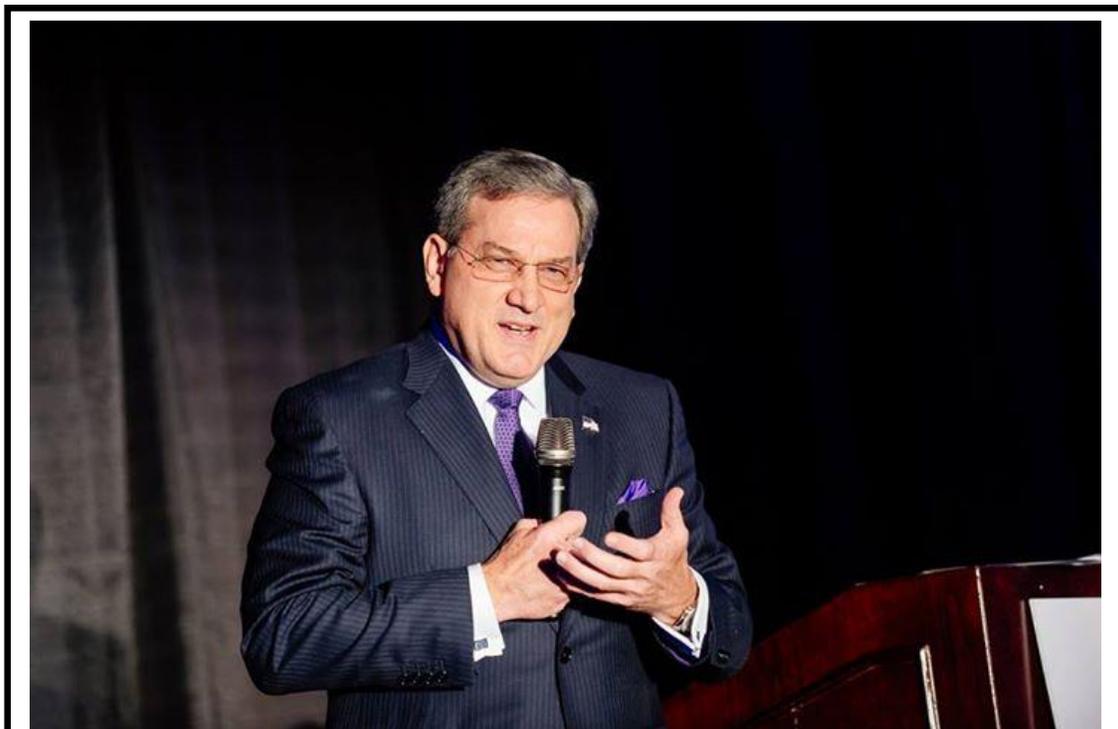
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Phil Panzarella Receives 2015 Profiles in Success Award

*Local Wealth Manager Applauds Business Professionals for
Leadership, Entrepreneurialism and Inspiration*



Gordon J. Bernhardt, president and CEO of Bernhardt Wealth Management, addresses a room of nearly 200 top area executives, business owners and entrepreneurs before naming the 2015 Profiles in Success Award winner for consistently demonstrating character, chemistry and caring in business.

McLean, VA (December 7, 2015) – Phil Panzarella, co-founder and partner of 5th Grade Simple, LLC (5GS), was awarded the 2015 Profiles in Success Award at the annual Profiles in Success Celebration dinner on October 27, 2015, at the Ritz Carlton Tysons Corner among a crowd of nearly 200 top area executives, business owners and entrepreneurs.

“Phil Panzarella has conducted his life by the mantra ‘live, learn, earn and return,’” said local business owner and author Gordon J. Bernhardt of [Bernhardt Wealth Management](#) as he named Panzarella as the award winner. “His mantra and subsequent actions reflect the essence of this award, developed to honor character, chemistry and caring in both personal and professional matters.”

“Phil told me ‘God put us on this Earth to make a living, but not just for ourselves. The ‘return’ is the most important part of the equation because it’s not what we take but what we give back in this world that is important,’” said Bernhardt. Panzarella’s Chantilly Virginia-based consulting firm, 5GS, provides business advice and a sounding board enabling executives to achieve the next stage of business and personal success.

The award and networking event was established in conjunction with the book series, [Profiles in Success: Inspiration from Executive Leaders in the Washington D.C. Area](#), to establish a community of successful small-business owners, corporate executives and industry leaders who wish to perpetuate the executive leadership values of character, chemistry and caring throughout American society. According to Bernhardt, the Profiles book series is packed with leadership lessons for the next generation of business leaders.

Keynote speaker, retired Lt. Gen. Frank Kearney kept the audience engaged with personal stories and lessons in leadership he acquired during 35 years in the U.S. Army, including serving as Deputy Director for Strategic Operational Planning at the National Counter-Terrorism Center in Washington DC. Kearney is now the president of his own consulting company, Inside-Solutions-LLC focusing on leadership development in organizations. He works routinely with the Thayer Leader Development Group and with military and corporate groups to assist in improving organizational performance through leadership. General Kearney serves on a number of boards including the board of Operation Backbone.

The 2015 Profiles in Success Award finalists include:

Marc Berman – Vector Technical Resources
Tony Cancelosi – Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind
Kathy Freeland – A-TEK, Inc.
Ann Harkins – National Crime Prevention Council
Al Horowitz – AcisTek Corporation
Nancy Leopold – CollegeTracks, Inc.
Marshall Micheals – MainSpring, Inc.
Brian Roberts – Croix Connect, Inc.
Gary Shumaker – C2 Solutions Group, Inc.

“Despite negative news headlines, our community has a lot to be thankful for and that includes the dedicated efforts of so many business leaders. Tenacious executives are driving innovation in

order to expand thriving organizations and pioneering entrepreneurs are creatively launching new startups,” said Bernhardt, president of [Bernhardt Wealth Management](#). “Our economic future depends on the innovative and entrepreneurial drive of these accomplished individuals.”

For inspiring stories of local entrepreneurs, visit www.profilesinsuccessbook.com.
See a collection of photos from the 2015 Celebration of Profiles in Success here:
https://www.facebook.com/bernhardtwealthmanagement/photos_stream

Celebration of Profiles in Success was sponsored by the following organizations:

[AV Architects & Builders](#)
[Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce](#)
[Operation Backbone](#)
[Vistage](#)

Award selection methodology: The process of selecting the Profiles in Success Award winner begins with nominations from the profiles community. Each nominee completes a detailed application. The Selection Committee narrows down the list of applicants to ten finalists who answer additional questions on video. Scores from the written and video responses are combined to determine a winner.

About Bernhardt Wealth Management

Gordon J. Bernhardt, CPA, PFS, CFP[®], AIF[®] of Bernhardt Wealth Management in McLean, Virginia provides financial planning and wealth management services to affluent individuals, families and business-owners throughout the Washington, DC area. He is a Certified Public Accountant and Personal Financial Specialist. Committed to a higher fiduciary standard of excellence, he has earned the professional designations of CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER[™] professional and Accredited Investment Fiduciary[®]. Gordon received his degree in commerce from the University of Virginia. Since establishing his firm in 1994, he has been focused on providing high-quality service and independent financial advice in order to help his clients make smart decisions about their money. For more information, visit www.bernhardtwealth.com and read Gordon’s blog at www.bernhardtwealth.com/blog

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