

## **Mike Fritz Wins Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2018 Award**

***Fritz was honored for his role in leading DWFritz Automation,  
one of the fastest growing family-owned businesses  
in the Pacific Northwest region***

**WILSONVILLE, OR, June 21, 2018** – DWFritz Automation, a leading provider of custom, high-precision automation solutions for advanced manufacturing, today announced that CEO Mike Fritz received the Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2018 Award in the Family Business category for the Pacific Northwest region. Now in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year, the awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate exceptional skills in innovation, financial performance, and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Fritz was selected as a finalist by a panel of independent judges and the award was presented to him at a special gala event at the Westin Seattle on June 15, 2018.

“I feel honored to receive this award and join past recipients whom I respect and admire,” said Mike Fritz, CEO of DWFritz Automation. “I am happy to accept this accolade on behalf of my entire staff at DWFritz who works diligently to make our company one of the best places to work in Oregon. Most of all, I want to thank my father and late mother for having started this business 45 years ago, and then encouraging me to join them. DWFritz is thriving today because of their foundational management and commitment.”

The program recognizes business leaders throughout the world. Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur of the Year national competition. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur of the Year National Overall Award winner, will be announced at the Entrepreneur of the Year National Awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 17, 2018. The awards are the culminating event of the Strategic Growth Forum, the nation’s most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.



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**About Entrepreneur Of The Year®**

Entrepreneur Of The Year, founded by Ernst and Young, is the world's most prestigious business awards program for entrepreneurs, chosen from an independent panel of judges including entrepreneurs and prominent leaders from business, finance and the local community. The program makes a difference through the way it encourages entrepreneurial activity among those with potential and recognizes the contribution of people who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement. As the first and only truly global awards program of its kind, Entrepreneur Of The Year celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in over 145 cities in more than 60 countries. [www.ey.com/eoy](http://www.ey.com/eoy).

**About DWFritz Automation**

DWFritz Automation, based in Wilsonville, Oregon, USA, is a leading, global provider of high-precision automation solutions for advanced high-volume manufacturing. The company develops, designs, builds and supports engineered-to-order automation systems specializing in various types of inspections: 2D, 3D, complex surface defects, and medical packaging that enable customers to enhance product quality. The company also engineers high-precision assembly equipment that solves manufacturing problems using intelligent motion control, vision, and robotics. For more information please visit [www.DWFritz.com](http://www.DWFritz.com). Follow us on Twitter: @DWFritz.

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