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EDC BUSINESS ALERT

**VENTURA COUNTY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY RECOGNIZES EDC'S
PRESIDENT AND CEO BRUCE STENSLIE AS THE BUSINESS LEADER
OF THE YEAR**



2023 Business Leader of the Year

Bruce and his team of advisors and staff have worked diligently for years helping small businesses in the counties of Ventura, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. They have helped countless number of businesses throughout many disasters and the current COVID-19 pandemic. VCLA's recognition of Bruce as the 2023 Business Leader of the Year is a representation of how hard Bruce and his team worked and continues to help the small business community.

Under Bruce's leadership, in 2022 the EDC has counseled over 1,657 entrepreneurs and helped approve over \$73 million in access to capital for

small businesses across the region.

Journey to Leadership Awards

The Ventura County Leadership Academy Journey to Leadership Awards luncheon is the premier Ventura County event, recognizing leaders in the business, education, non-profit and public sectors who have made an exceptional impact in our community. The event will be held on **Thursday, April 27 at 11:30 am**. Location: **Serra Center 5205 Upland Road Camarillo, CA 93012** [Click here](#) for details.

About Ventura County Leadership Academy

Ventura County Leadership Academy (VCLA) connects and cultivates a diverse network of passionate, capable leaders through immersion in both critical issues shaping Ventura County and opportunities for personal and professional growth. VCLA's comprehensive program ignites awareness and inspiration, helping cohort members discover their individual pathways toward impacting our region.

Looking for NO-COST Business Consulting Services?

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