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City of Columbus Awards 2017 Fred J. Yates Memorial Scholarship

Mayor Andrew J. Ginther and the City of Columbus offer congratulations to Rishi Bhanot, President of Bear Environmental LLC, for being given the 2017 Frederick J. Yates Memorial Scholarship Minority Business Award. Bear Environmental LLC is a Columbus-based full-service company that specializes in the management of hazardous and non-hazardous industrial wastes.

“The City is proud to honor the winner of the Fred J. Yates Memorial Scholarship,” said Mayor Ginther. “By encouraging and supporting a new generation of leaders through this scholarship program, we are building a stronger future for successful minority business in Columbus for years to come.”

The City of Columbus Office of Diversity is proud to present the award to the Tuck Executive Education minority business program, April 2-10, 2017, at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire.

“The award was created to honor the legacy of the late Mr. Yates, who was a good friend of mine, and a long time minority business advocate, entrepreneur and former city director. Fred worked tirelessly to help every business owner achieve greatness,” said Steve Francis, Chief Diversity Officer for the City of Columbus. “I think he would be especially proud of Mr. Bhanot.”

The FJY Memorial Scholarship was created in 2012 with proceeds from Mayor Michael B. Coleman’s Small Business Conference. All minority businesses currently certified with the City of Columbus were invited to apply.

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