



The ESOP Association

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Employee Ownership Foundation Awards Prize to National Essay Contest Winner

The Employee Ownership Foundation is proud to announce Juan Mier, a student at the University of California San Diego Rady School of Management, as the recipient of a \$500 prize for a winning essay on ESOPs (employee stock ownership plans) entered as part of the Foundation for Enterprise Development's (FED) national essay contest --- Creating Wealth by Sharing Wealth™. The contest, sponsored by the FED, is the first ever multi-university essay contest of its kind to focus thinking on business strategies incorporating employee ownership.

“Congratulations to Mr. Mier for his winning work in this contest. The Employee Ownership Foundation is pleased to be able to award this prize for his thoughtful essay on employee ownership,” noted Employee Ownership Foundation President, J. Michael Keeling. “Seeing work such as this done on the university level is exciting for the Foundation and the employee ownership community as a whole.”

For a complete list of the Creating Wealth by Sharing Wealth™ essay contest winners, please visit FED's website at <http://www.fed.org/education-essay-contest>.

For more information, please call The ESOP Association at 202/293-2971 or email media@esopassociation.org.

Did you know...

- Research indicates that ESOP implementation results in more information sharing, increased communications, and involvement in decision making for employee owners.
- Total assets owned by U.S. ESOPs is estimated to be \$901 billion at the end of 2007.

Information from <http://www.esopassociation.org>.

On the calendar...

September 26 & 27, 2011

Board of Directors Retreat

The Renaissance

Chicago Downtown

1 West Wacker Drive

Chicago, IL 60601

Contact: 866/366-3832 or

meetings@esopassociation.org

For a complete list of conferences and events, please visit The ESOP Association's website at <http://www.esopassociation.org>.