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## **PER SCHOLAS NAMED WINNER OF THE 2016 NEW YORK COMMUNITY TRUST NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

*Only Award of its Kind Recognizes Excellence in Nonprofit Management in NYC*

**New York, N.Y. (November 7, 2016)** – The Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York (NPCC) announced Per Scholas as one of three winners of the New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards Program. Per Scholas, the Jewish Board for Family and Children Services, and Neighbors Link will be honored at a special Best Practices Workshop and Awards Presentation on December 2 at the New York Hall of Medicine. The three winning organizations will share \$60,000 in prizes and scholarships for the Columbia Business School Executive Education Programs in Social Enterprise.

"We're honored to have been selected as a recipient of The New York Community Trust's Nonprofit Excellence Awards," said Per Scholas President and CEO Plinio Ayala. "Since our inception, we've remained committed to improving the lives of those we serve and communities in which we operate, and we believe lasting impact on communities is best achieved through an intentional and reflective approach to organizational management."

NPCC created the New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards in 2006 to teach, recognize and encourage outstanding management practices among New York's large and diverse nonprofit community. The Awards highlight the enormously important roles played by thousands of New York's nonprofit organizations in improving our lives and communities. The program helps nonprofit leaders by spotlighting excellent management practices that enable nonprofits to better serve their communities and achieve their missions. This award is the only of its kind recognizing excellence in nonprofit management among nonprofits in the five boroughs, Long Island, and Westchester.

The Nonprofit Excellence Awards has attracted 750 applications from across New York City, Long Island and Westchester over its first ten years. The program is produced in collaboration with The New York Community Trust and Philanthropy New York. WNYC and JPMorgan Chase sponsor the program. Additional financial and in-kind support is provided by The Clark Foundation, Ford Foundation, RSM US LLP, and Columbia Business School Executive Education Programs in Social Enterprise.

Learn more about the [Nonprofit Excellence Awards](#), [NPCC's guiding Eight Key Areas of Nonprofit Excellence](#), [past winners](#), and [selection process](#).

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