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## **Jack McSunas to Receive 2020 SCORE Volunteer of the Year Award**

*A pioneer in leading new initiatives into universities, veteran programs, and the CEO Forum*

**SANTA ANA, Calif.** – The U.S. Small Business Administration, Orange County / Inland Empire District Office has selected Jack McSunas as the 2020 SCORE Volunteer of the Year. A member for nineteen years, he has volunteered his time to both new and experienced small business owners throughout Orange County. McSunas was nominated for the award by Orange County SCORE Chapter member Bob Godlasky.

SCORE is a volunteer organization and is supported in part through the SBA. SCORE volunteers bring experience from a variety of fields adding depth to their mentoring skills in the business community. The coronavirus pandemic restricted in-person meetings for many across the country and the impact to small businesses in crisis was palpable and personal to SCORE. Fortunately they had been conducting mentoring sessions by phone, email and video for quite some time so they didn't miss a step in continuing their no-cost personal business counseling and online workshops at this critical time for the business community.

McSunas has experience with international sales and marketing in 29 different countries, the starting of four businesses from scratch and buying and selling 12 different businesses. This uniquely positions him to help those starting or growing a business and his experience as a Naval officer lends a deep understanding in mentoring veteran owned businesses.

As one of SCORE's most popular members, McSunas has mentored hundreds of clients and presented numerous workshops to the business community. As a bilingual mentor, he is quite comfortable conducting his business in Spanish as the need arises. Embracing the mission of both SCORE and SBA, McSunas has been a pioneer for new initiatives. He is one of the founders of SCORE Orange County's CEO Forum which is now considered a best practice for other chapters. He also initiated the business coaching of students at California State University, Fullerton and was one of the first to participate with SCORE during the pilot of SBA's Boots to Business program at Camp Pendleton which has now become a national program which continues to serve transitioning military men and women. McSunas is a bi-lingual mentor in the chapter's current Hispanic Initiative and a staunch recruiter of women volunteers into the chapter. It's no surprise he is known as "the mentor's mentor" by training and mentoring new SCORE volunteers joining the organization as an encouraging and knowledgeable role model.

The SBA Orange County / Inland Empire District is honored in recognizing Jack McSunas as the 2020 SCORE Volunteer of the Year.

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### **About the Orange County / Inland Empire District Office**

The Orange County / Inland Empire District Office, under the leadership and vision of J. Adalberto Quijada, District Director, is responsible for the delivery of SBA programs and services in the Southern California counties of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino. Located in Santa Ana near John Wayne Airport, the office and its staff facilitate understanding and access to SBA loan programs; coordinate and conduct hundreds of training sessions and special events annually such as matchmaking forums and loan workshops; and manage a portfolio of nearly 100 businesses enrolled in the agency's 8(a) business development program.