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## **U.S. Small Business Administration Announces Annual Awards**

### **Gelato Fiasco Co-Founders Named SBA's Young Entrepreneurs of the Year for Maine and New England**

Augusta, Maine – Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the winners of its annual Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for 2014. Josh Davis and Bruno Tropeano of The Gelato Fiasco have been selected to receive this prestigious award for both Maine and SBA Region 1 (New England).

“Josh Davis and Bruno Tropeano have worked really hard to make their business successful, and it shows. They are dedicated and creative and sell very tasty and high quality products,” said Seth Goodall, SBA Regional Administrator for New England. “As young entrepreneurs, Josh and Bruno also serve as terrific role models and an inspiration for others to start their own business in Maine,” added Goodall.

The Gelato Fiasco flagship store is located in Brunswick, with a second location in Portland's Old Port. Started in 2007 by Mr. Davis and Mr. Tropeano, The Gelato Fiasco has produced more than 1,500 flavors of gelato and sorbetto, which is sold at both stores, and at more than 300 grocery stores down the East Coast. Honored by local and national publications ranging from Down East Magazine to CNN/Money, and even the White House, Gelato Fiasco has earned recognition both for their gelato and their generosity in the community.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Tropeano were nominated for this award by Nat Henshaw of CEI Ventures, Inc., and will be honored at an SBA celebration luncheon at noon on June 17, 2014 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport.

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