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# CFOs OF THE YEAR, 2015



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# Letter from the Publisher



**W**elcome to the San Fernando Valley Business Journal's CFO Awards special supplement, in which we celebrate the efforts and achievements of those too often unsung heroes of the corporate space.

Every successful company in the Valley owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the Chief Financial Officers of their respective businesses, each of whom plays a key role, not only in the success of their companies, but in the success of the Valley financial community as a whole. So to all the great CFOs profiled in this volume we say thank you!

This issue sheds some additional light on the honorees we celebrated at our CFO Awards luncheon on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills.

Six honorees are announced in this section from a diverse selection of industries. Congratulations to each of you – together with your CEOs, your decisions affect all aspects of your respective businesses. You truly are among the finest that the San Fernando Valley has to offer.

We hope you enjoy this special section, which contains some insights on what exactly it means to be a CFO in today's business climate, as well as profiles of each of our esteemed CFO honorees.

And again, congratulations to all the great CFOs in the San Fernando Valley who tirelessly contribute to the bottom line of your businesses, and ultimately, our business community as a whole.

Best regards,

Josh Schimmels

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# CFO of the Year | Honorees



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## **RON FORD**

*Chief Financial Officer*  
Silgan Containers  
Woodland Hills

**R**on D. Ford is a senior-level leader who delivers results for stakeholders. He is able to view an organization from multiple perspectives, having experience that includes roles as CEO, President, CFO, CIO and board director for various different kinds of companies. Ford has demonstrated a strong track record of performance in sales, marketing, operations, finance, and organizational development. He is also known for having been successful in turnaround and high growth-situations leading public and private companies with domestic and international operations.

Presently, Ford is the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the largest food container manufacturing company, Silgan Containers. Silgan is a \$2 billion company and is a subsidiary of Silgan Holdings, a \$3.6 billion publically traded company. Ford has been at Silgan Containers for five and a half years. He was also the founder and Chairman of Malibu Holdings, Inc., which he oversaw from 2002 to 2014. His experience has included being on the Board of Directors of Quixote/Smashbox.

One of the great things about Ford in his career is that he has been generously willing to share his knowledge and experience for the betterment of others. As a professor at Pepperdine University Graziadio School of Business and Management where he has served as Associate Dean, for example, he was considered by many who experienced his teaching to be a great professor, going out of his way to help other executives from all different kinds of companies with business decisions pertaining to accounting. His business lessons as a CEO, CFO and founder resonate with students in that he provides actual examples of investment meetings using students in buy/sale situations that demonstrate profound lessons if those he works with are ever to opt for angel investors, acquire or sell.



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