



Meet our Honoree

Roy Castro, *Founder & CEO of Castro Ventures*

Roy Castro is Founder & CEO of Castro Ventures, Inc. and serves as Board Co-Chairman for STRIVE, a national nonprofit that provides career training and job placement services for people facing intersectional barriers to employment. Mr. Castro first joined the STRIVE Board of Directors in 2017 after many years of volunteerism. As a STRIVE graduate Mr. Castro provides invaluable insight and strategic guidance to the improvement of STRIVE's programs. In 2021 he was elected to serve alongside President of Jefferies Financial Group Brian Friedman as STRIVE Board Co-Chair.

In 2019 Mr. Castro was honored at the Robin Hood Heroes Breakfast. He is a graduate of Goldman Sachs' 10,000 Small Businesses, having received a nomination for the program by former Goldman Sachs Partner Dina Powell McCormick after they were introduced at a STRIVE event. Mr. Castro first came to STRIVE in 2003 as a returned citizen upon his release from 10 years in federal prison.

Through his continued work with STRIVE and his array of investment ventures Mr. Castro frequently pays it forward serving as an advocate for the mobility and empowerment of the systemically disenfranchised--particularly the justice impacted.