

## **Talluto's Authentic Italian Foods receives 2014 Governor's ImPAct Award**

Talluto's Authentic Italian Food, Inc. of Folcroft, Pa has been recognized by Gov. Tom Corbett with the Small Business Governor's ImPAct Award for 2014. The award recognizes small businesses that have been innovators within their industry, achieved revenue/profit growth, increased their workforce and are committed to the growth and development of employees and the community.

Talluto's was nominated for the award by James Porter, Consulting Manager at Widener University's Small Business Development Center and Adjunct Professor at Widener. "I have known and worked with the Talluto family for more than five years and find them to be a role model of American entrepreneurship and integrity as well as an inspiration to the community and their network of customers, suppliers and business partners," Porter said.

Porter detailed the company's ability to preserve jobs even through past economic struggles while continuing its commitment to giving back to the community through their support of No Kid Hungry, Philabundance, The Little Rock Foundation and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and their on-going support to entrepreneurship and business management education programs at Widener.

Joseph F. Talluto, company vice president, routinely works with business students at Widener to run "Talluto's on Campus," which is a small business operation providing Widener students with a "hands-on" opportunity to run a business on the Widener campus.

Joseph F. Talluto and his father, Talluto's Authentic Italian Food, Inc. President and CEO Joseph A. M. Talluto, accepted the ImPAct Award in Hershey, Pa. The Governor's ImPAct Awards honored 50 companies from throughout Pennsylvania in five categories: Jobs First, Community Impact, Small Business Impact, Entrepreneurial Impact and Export Impact. The awardees were chosen by an independent judging panel selected by the state's partners, Team Pennsylvania Foundation (Team PA) and Journal Multimedia. The Corbett administration created the Governor's ImPAct Awards last year to honor businesses in Pennsylvania that are creating jobs and contributing to the state's economy. For more information, visit [www.newPA.com/impact-awards](http://www.newPA.com/impact-awards).