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### CWNP® Announces over 200 CWNEs (Certified Wireless Network Expert) in 2016

DURHAM, NC – JANUARY 13, 2017 – Certified Wireless Network Professional (CWNP) is pleased to announce that they have surpassed the goal of certifying 200 Network Experts in 2016. Most recently announcing that Michael Ruetz has satisfied the requirements to earn his Certified Wireless Network Expert (CWNE) designation as the 216th worldwide. Michael will join an exclusive group of wireless network professionals, who together and individually, hold one of the most widely-respected certifications in the IT industry.

"CWNE is currently the single best, one-stop shop for really learning how Wi-Fi works and acquiring the knowledge needed to be effective as a WLAN engineer," says Brennan Martin, CWNE #190.

In early 2016, CWNP set an ambitious goal of reaching 200 CWNEs worldwide — a goal reached in November, 2016. More specifically, the CWNE certification saw a 20% jump in 2016 alone, with 46 new CWNEs added to the ranks, and is forecasted to continue growing in 2017.

Candidates interested in applying to become a CWNE must prove exceptional skills in wireless network administration, security, troubleshooting and design. The rigorous application process requires candidates have three years of professional work experience, three professional endorsements, plus hold the following valid certifications:

- Certified Wireless Network Administrator CWNA®
- Certified Wireless Security Professional CWSP®
- Certified Wireless Analysis Professional CWAP®
- Certified Wireless Design Professional CWDP®

All candidates are peer reviewed by the CWNE Board of Advisors, who collectively, certify a candidate's advanced level of expertise.

Lee Badman, Network Architect and CWNE #200 said: "I'm proud to be a CWNE, but like my fellow colleagues, I know that being an expert does not mean you know all there is to know," adding "the Continuing Education required to keep my CWNE valid also keeps me sharp on the latest in wireless."

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