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As local business becomes more and more integrated into the global economy, the need for a rising generation of business leaders with the drive and determination necessary to adapt and succeed in a rapidly changing economic environment is more critical than ever. In central Pennsylvania, we have young professionals with the vision and dedication needed to excel in ever more competitive world. Our 2023 Foremost Under 40 edition showcases these individuals, whose diverse and eclectic backgrounds provide an insightful and fascinating glimpse into the careers of these emerging leaders.

This year's honorees were selected from the many nominations sent to us from throughout our 23-county readership. Each year, our editorial board reaches out to executives, chambers of commerce, community leaders and readers to send in nominations for selection. The result is a dazzling display of the dynamic diversity of the Central Pennsylvania business community. Within this issue, you will find entrepreneurs striking out on their first startups, industry professionals rising through the ranks and community caregivers who put everything into their work.

The selection committee based its final selections on nominees who have made a positive impact on the Central Pennsylvania business community by consistently moving their business forward, adapting to major changes in their personal and professional life and giving back to the community through volunteering or mentoring.

Readers are also encouraged to begin nominating for our next two big issues: Top 100 People and Top 100 Organizations, which will hit the stands in January and February, respectively. To nominate a person or organization, go to our website and click on the Top Lists Nominations tab or simply give us a call at 814-278-1323. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Derek Partsch

Derek Partsch is the current Director of Business Operations for...



Ashley Parrish

Ashley Parrish started her Banking career in 2012 as a...



Brenda Lee Sieglitz

Brenda Lee Sieglitz is Director of Major Giving for Chesapeake...



Kristina Albright

Kristina plays a critical role in helping Concurrent Technologies Corporation...



Patrick Callahan

Patrick was born and raised in Johnstown, PA. He attended...



Jeffrey Barnes

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Bethany Bachman

In her important role of Vice President, Financial Solutions Area...



Hannah Brewster

Hannah Brewster currently serves as the Operations Manager of Jana...

**Chris Pinchak**

In 2013, Chris Pinchak prayed for an opportunity to leave...

**Jamie Stumph**

Jamie Stumph currently functions as the General Manager of both...

**Karoline Hicks**

Karoline Hicks has the mission of supporting individuals with complex...

**J. Tyler Thompson**

J. Tyler Thompson is the Executive Vice President at The...

**Will Brett**

Will Brett is the fourth generation of his family to...

**Christopher M. Reighard**

Christopher M. Reighard, PE, MBA, is a Senior Structural Engineer...

**Josh Bradley**

Josh Bradley, a native of Warriors Mark, PA, is a...

**Evan A. Heiser, P.E.**

Evan Heiser, P.E. began working at PennTerra Engineering as an...

**Destinee Pfirsching**

Destinee Pfirsching is employed at Doing Better Business, Inc as...

**Tim Keeley**

Seven years ago, Tim and Nick embarked on a dream...

**Megan Stamm**

Megan Stamm is a Business Relationship Manager with Doing Better...

**Rebekah Grmela**

Rebekah Grmela is a communications activist supporting equity and sustainability...

**John Paul Houser**

John Paul Houser serves as President and Owner, as well...

**Ryan McAndrew**

As an Associate Financial Advisor, Ryan works with clients in...

**Kate Moyer**

Born and raised in Central PA, Kate graduated from Temple...

**Peter Swift**

Many leaders of today were raised by television and video...

**Shannon Yarnish**

Shannon Yarnish is a business owner who runs the Western...

**Ellie Kocjancic**

Ellie Kocjancic, born and raised in Johnsonburg, PA, and a...

**Courtney Hornung**

Courtney is a Senior Program Manager with Blair Image Elements,...

**Lauren Gerami**

Lauren Gerami is an experienced nonprofit co-founder, grant writer and...

**Brooke L. Sheeler, M.S.**

Brooke joined the Aspire team in 2015 as an intern...

**David Misner**

David Misner currently serves as External Affairs Manager for Pennsylvania...

**Samantha Welch**

Samantha Welch is a licensed REALTOR® at RE/MAX Centre Realty...

**Craig Wallace**

Craig Wallace is the Director of Finance & Administration at...

**Christina Koren**

With 16 years of dedicated service in higher education, Christina...

**Janey Schwind**

Janey Schwind believes that music has the power to better...

**Felecia Thai Heath**

First generation doctor, Felicia Thai Heath is a triple board-certified...

**Stephanie Mathieson**

As Onboarding and Training Specialist, Stephanie Mathieson is focused on...

**Clinton Smith**

Award winning client service is the driving force of the...

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As a dedicated Human Resources Manager at Select Specialty Hospital...

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Scott Reilly launched High Guys Video when he moved his...



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Rebekah Grmela

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Rebekah Grmela is a communications activist supporting equity and sustainability through access to excellent executive strategies for small business founders and nonprofits.

She is the founder of Right + Good – a mission-driven organization working to build authentic community between businesses and the people they serve. As a community engagement expert with more than a decade of experience creating value for government agencies, nonprofits and private companies alike, she lets data and outreach drive creative solutions for her clients. Right + Good was founded in 2019 and has helped more than twenty clients launch their marketing efforts in that time.

Rebekah lives in State College, PA with her geologist husband, sibling cats and new baby. Driven by her mission to make a positive impact, she spends her free time with nonprofits focused on supporting the community in different capacities, including AAUW State College, Centre County Dems and the CBICC

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