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HONORED FOR GIVING BACK



Sara Visingard of Harris Beach PLLC laughs as she shakes the hands of award presenters during Tuesday's luncheon. The 17th annual Forty Under 40 awards honored 40 young professionals from a variety of fields, selected from more than 200 nominations. BRETT CARLSEN

Forty Under 40 program recognizes selfless young professionals

JESSE HANUS

Lawyers, directors of nonprofits, business leaders and other professionals younger than 40 were honored for their contributions to work and the community during a luncheon Tuesday that brought more than 900 people to the Riverside Convention Center.

The 17th annual Forty Under 40 awards, sponsored by the *Rochester Business Journal*, the Simon Graduate School of Business at the University of Rochester, First Niagara Bank and The Bona-dio Group, honored 40 young professionals from a variety

of fields, selected from more than 200 nominations.

"The one trait everyone shares is a commitment to making our community a better place to live for everyone," said Susan Holliday, president and publisher of the weekly paper.



Overton

Many of the honorees volunteer for various nonprofit organizations, such as Flower City Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, Center for Youth Services and Hillside Family of Agencies. They also are leaders at their work-places.

Kevin Overton, 36, an associate at the law firm Harris Beach PLLC, is secretary of

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the Rochester General Hospital Foundation and a board member of the Oak Hill Caddie Scholarship Fund Inc.

"I honestly didn't think I was going to be selected, so I was definitely very, very honored and humbled," said the Victor resident.

Jon Alhart, 32, of the advertising agency Dixon

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Schwabl Inc., was also surprised when he learned of his nomination. He is founder of T.I.P.S., his companies' approach to digital marketing that helps bring in new business.

"It's something that you really don't expect," said the Penfield resident. "All of us here and in past classes showcase that Rochester is a great place to live and work."

Tracey Dreisbach, 38, felt surprised, then excited and even a little embarrassed about being honored. She supervises operations, raises funds, de-



Alhart



Dreisbach

velops relationships and works to engage people in the Rochester Rotary Club as its executive director.

"I had all sorts of emotions," she said, adding that she plans to continue her professional growth while supporting the programs her children are involved in. And, not surprisingly, finding ways to help the community "and making it a better place for us all to live." □

Hanus is a Rochester-area freelance writer.

FORTY UNDER 40 HONOREES

Patrick Ahern, Brand Integrity Inc.

Elizabeth Alexander, Thompson Health.

Jon Alhart, Dixon Schwabl Inc.

Amy Averill, Harris RF Communications.

Claudia Burcke, Greater Rochester Enterprise.

Thomas Carpenter, Clark Patterson Lee.

Joseph Casion, Harter Secrest & Emery LLP.

Julie Christensen, Golisano Children's Hospital, University of Rochester Medical Center.

Daniele Coll-Gonzalez, AIDS Care and Pleasant Street Apothecary.

Jeremy Cooney, YMCA of Greater Rochester.

Justin Copie, Innovative Solutions Ltd.

Christopher Davis, Ontario Exteriors Inc.

Brian DiGiacco, Rizzo & DiGiacco CPAs PLLC.

Tracey Dreisbach, Rochester Rotary Club and Rochester Rotary Charitable Trusts.

Erika Duthiers, Rochester Institute of Technology.

Shawanda Evans, Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection.

Joshua Farrelman, University of Rochester.

D-D Flannery Lazenby, Flannery Public Relations.

Donald Gentilcore, IESI Corp.

Kevin Halpin, DeltaPoint Capital Management LLC.

Rufus Judson, The Pike Co.

Wende Knapp, Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP.

Christina Mancini, Aquinas Institute.

David Mandrycky, Insero & Co. CPAs PC.

David Mattucci, Manning Squires Hennig Co.

Kelly McCormick-Sullivan, Pluta Cancer Center.

Kevin Overton, Harris Beach PLLC.

T.C. Pellett, Monroe County Parks Department.

Rachel Pickering, Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency.

Allen Rossignol, Edge Architecture PLLC.

Tyler Savage, Harter Secrest & Emery LLP.

Kelly Smith, Roberts Wesleyan College.

Shelby Stenson, Mengel Metzger Barr & Co. LLP.

Matthew Taylor, AP Professionals.

Dawn VanDamme, NimbleUser.

Sara Visingard, Harris Beach PLLC.

Elizabeth Wehle, University of Rochester.

Robert Wendler, Excellus BlueCross BlueShield.

Thomas Wilmot Jr., Wilmorite Inc.

Melanie Wolk, Goldberg Segalla LLP.