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Chamber Announces 30 for the Future Award Recipients

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Akron, Ohio – Thirty Greater Akron Region young professionals have been named the recipients of the third annual “30 for the Future” award. Part of the Greater Akron Chamber’s strategy to attract and retain talent in the region, the “30 for the Future” award honors young professionals (ages 25-39) whose stellar contributions impact their industries and the Greater Akron Region. A list of the award winners follows:

Cara Adams
Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations

Suzanne Graham
City of Akron, Mayor's Office

Kate M. Bradley
Brouse McDowell

Betsy Bare Hartschuh
Ninth District Court of Appeals,
Judge Carla Moore

Nathan Brant
Akron Area YMCA

Angela M. Johnson
Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority

Dr. Stacey Gardner-Buckshaw
Girl Scouts of North East Ohio

Sean M. Joyce
The Goodwill Industries of Akron

Anthony D. Burwell
Summa Foundation

Katherine Silver Kelly
The University of Akron School of Law

Dr. Jennifer E. Cummings, MC, FACC
Akron General Medical Center

James M. Laber
AtNetPlus, Inc.

Angela Fremon
Cole Industries

Katie Wojno Lancianese
Wojno Development

Michael E. George
Stark & Knoll Co., LPA.

Amanda M. Leffler
Brouse McDowell

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FirstMerit Bank

Douglas Mathey
BCG & Company

Fedearia Nicholson
The University of Akron

Christopher Norman
Crown Point Ecology Center

Hannah E. Paulin
National Inventors Hall of Fame
Foundation

Eboni Pringle
Kent State University

Dan Reynolds
Akron Area YMCA

Dana Lobalzo Saporito
H. C. Lobalzo & Sons, Inc.

Benjamin Tegel
Merrill Lynch

Denise Sponseller Testa
The University of Akron
Medina County University Center

Kathy K. Vidakovics
CFBank

Asuama Yeboah-Amankwah
Veyance Technologies

Brittany Grimes Zaehring, Esq., MSSA
Girl Scouts of North East Ohio

The award recipients will be recognized at a dinner celebration and ceremony at the Akron Civic Theatre on Monday, September 14, 2009, starting at 5:30 p.m. In addition, recipients will be profiled in a special print and electronic publication distributed to Greater Akron Chamber members and other tri-county area business leaders.

An independent Advisory Council selected the recipients based on the finalists' Leadership Documents, which showcased professional and community accomplishments, team building, leadership and creativity in overcoming obstacles. Recipients were nominated by members of the Greater Akron Chamber and regional profit and non-profit organizations, including many of the region's young professional organizations.

The September 14 gala celebration is open to the public. Individual tickets are \$50 for Chamber members and \$60 for non-members. Contact Jeff Walmsley at (330) 237-1214 or visit our events calendar at www.greaterakronchamber.org for more information or to RSVP. Additional sponsorships are available; contact Gail Kerzner at (216) 272-1111 for sponsorship information.

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