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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 fifth 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:

Rami Ahmed, D.O.
Summa Health System
Austen BioInnovation Institute of Akron

Amanda Barna
Center for Marketing and Opinion
Research

Jason Bogniard
Apple Growth Partners

Susan P. Bruce, Pharm.D.
Northeastern Ohio Universities College
of Medicine

Andrea Calo
Summa Health System

Stephen M. Catalano
Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC

David V. Chand, M.D.
Akron Children’s Hospital

Deepa H. Chand, M.D.
Akron Children’s Hospital

Shon Christy
Christy Creative, LLC

Jason D. Dodson
County of Summit

Kimberly DuCharme
FirstEnergy

Tiffany Edwards
East Akron Community House

Scott E. Garchar
FedEx Custom Critical

Julia H. Hall
BCG & Company

James Hardy
Kent State University/Akron Public Schools

Dale Highsmith, Jr.
ComDoc

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Serving Medina, Portage & Summit Counties

Justin Everett Hilton
Kent State University

Jennifer Savitski, M.D.
Akron General Medical Center

Michelle Hinton
Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

Sara Sehm
FirstMerit Bank

Cryshanna A. Jackson, Ph.D.
Youngstown State University

Donald R. Scherer
Stark & Knoll Co., LPA

Sherry Neubert
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber
Company

Jeana M. Singleton
Brennan, Manna & Diamond, LLC

Nevin C. Nussbaum
Cohen & Company

Christopher Smith
Flexible Benefits Systems, Inc.

Brad Pulley
Fifth Third Bank

Jon Stefanik II
Buckingham, Doolittle and Burroughs, LLP

Megan E. Raber
City of Tallmadge

NiCole Swearingen-Hilker
Brouse McDowell, LPA

The award recipients will be recognized at a dinner celebration and ceremony in The University of Akron Student Union Ballroom on **Monday, September 12, 2011**, 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.

Independent committees 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 12th gala celebration is open to the public. Individual tickets are \$50 for Chamber members and \$60 for non-members. Contact Angela Presutti at (330) 237-1263 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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