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Chamber Announces 30 for the Future Award Recipients

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Akron, Ohio – Thirty-one Greater Akron Region young professionals have been named the recipients of the fourth 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:

Andrea Babjack
PNC

Matt Ellis
Grass Master

Margaret C. Baughman, Ph.D.
The University of Akron

Melanie Friedman
FMD Architects

Christina Beynon
Citizens Republic Bank

Chris Hallier
FirstMerit Bank

Tobin Buckner
Akron Urban League

Angela D. Harper Brooks
Crouse Community Learning Center

Kelli Crawford
City of Akron

Da’Ron Henderson
DHL Enterprises, LLC dba Hotcards Akron

Eren Demiray
FirstEnergy Corp.

Ramona Hood
FedEx Truckload Brokerage

Gregory Dieringer
The University of Akron

Bill Hoover
Broadleaf Partners

Charles Elliott
Summa Health System

Carrie Ann Kandes
Marcus Thomas, LLC

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Serving Medina, Portage & Summit Counties

Jennifer Kephart
Info Line, Inc.

Alexis Rizopoulos
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

Dana Lawless-Andric
Kent State University

Keith Stahl
Community Support Services, Inc.

Ann Manby
The House of the Lord

Mary Swann
Brouse McDowell, LPA

James McNutt
SummaCare, Inc.

Angie Wells
GPD Group

Jay Mellon
AtNetPlus, Inc.

Mexie Wilson
Ohio Tuition Trust Authority

Don Padgett III
World Golf Championships-Bridgestone
Invitational

David Woodburn
Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP

Kimberly A. Palmer
Cohen & Company, Ltd.

Julie Zhao, Ph.D.
The University of Akron

Marie Reichart
Our Lady of the Elms Elementary
School

The award recipients will be recognized at a ceremony at the Akron Civic Theatre on Monday, September 13, 2010, 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 13th 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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