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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS INITIATIVE NAMES TOP 40 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS UNDER 40

(Shreveport/Bossier City) - Forty young professionals under the age of forty have been selected by a special committee of the Young Professional Initiative to be honored with the 40 Under 40 award at the tenth annual Northwest Louisiana Young Professionals Gala presented by *The Forum* on Saturday, December 3rd at the Shreveport Convention Center.

From the list of 40 Under 40 honorees, one will be named the 2016 Young Professional of the Year. This special announcement will be made at the Gala.

The 2016 40 Under 40 class includes: **Katie Bursley**, Petroleum Club of Shreveport, **Mario Chavez**, Caddo Commission and Mersa Tech, **John Chidlow**, Innolyzer, **Zaherrah Clark**, The Brain Gym, **Megan Davenport**, LSU Health Shreveport, **Erica Falbaum**, Pet Education Project, **Brian Flanagan**, Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin and Roberts, **Allison Foster**, Cook, Yancey, King and Galloway, **Sarah Giglio**, Elton B. Richey & Associates, **Jesse Gilmore**, LSU Health Foundation, **Lindi Hall**, The Glen Retirement System, **Doug Hargis**, Willis Knighton Health System, **Jason Holland**, Community Bank of Louisiana, **Amy Horne-Williams**, Caddo Parish Schools/Fairfield Elementary, **RJ Johnson**, American Cancer Society, **Adam Johnston**, First Guaranty Bank, **Robin Jones**, Bossier Arts Council, **Emily Knecht**, Gannett/The Shreveport Times, **Colton Kyle**, ANECA Federal Credit Union, **Morgan Lang**, Lang and Blackwood Orthodontics, **Darras Lattier**, Reach Local, **Jimi Lindgren-Durmon**, Hilton Garden Inn/Homewood Suites, **Daniel Martin**, GastroIntestinal Specialists, **Niesha McCoy**, Bossier Parish Community College, **Margaret McDonald**, Court of Appeals Second Circuit, **Jessica Miller**, Gingerbread House Bossier-Caddo Children's Advocacy Center, **Elizabeth Morales**, Townsquare Media,

Beau Raines, Red River Brewing and Altec Environmental Consulting, **Shelly Redmond**, Skinny Louisiana, **Kelly Rich**, Highland Area Partnership, **Marisa Roberson**, McCann School of Business and Technology, **Logan Schroeder**, Cook Yancey, King and Galloway, **Amanda Simpson**, ANECA Federal Credit Union, **Jack Skaggs**, Bossier Police Jury and Smashburger, **Matthew Snyder**, Shreveport Magazine and Pinpoint Local, **Kyle Stadlander**, Gibsland Bank and Trust, **Christopher Steinholt**, Edward Jones Financial, **Dinero' Washington**, SPORTRAN, **Kamesha West**, Wal-Mart, and **Hilary Wooley**, Biomedical Research Foundation.

With the induction of the 2016 40 Under 40 class, a total of 400 young professionals have received this honor in Shreveport-Bossier.

"On any given day in Shreveport-Bossier City, you will find talented, innovative, and dynamic young professionals blazing a trail of greatness through our community. These young professionals have positioned themselves as emerging leaders and strive to ensure that we all have a great place to live, work, and play," said YPI Executive Committee President, Emerie Eck Gentry. "We are very excited to be announcing the 10th 40 Under 40 class, a group that is diverse, excels in the workplace, and makes a valuable impact through their philanthropic endeavors. The Young Professional Initiative is honored to highlight and celebrate in the achievements of these fascinating young professionals with this prestigious award."

The December 6th gala will kick off with a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m. with dinner starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Shreveport Convention Center. General seating tickets are \$65 per person and event sponsorships are available.

*For ticket and sponsorship information, contact the
Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce at 318-677-2500.*

YPI exists to create a network of community leaders under the age of 40 to enhance the development of Northwest Louisiana for the attraction and retention of young professionals in our region. YPI is proud of the role we play in the economic development of Northwest Louisiana.

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