

MEDIA RELEASE

To: Ames Media
From: Ames Chamber and Ames Economic Development Commission
Date: Thursday, February 04, 2010
Re: Chamber/AEDC awards presentation



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AMES 4 UNDER 40 LEADERS OF TODAY & TOMORROW CLASS OF 2010

DAN CULHANE, 39

President / CEO

Ames Chamber of Commerce & Ames Economic Development Commission

Returning to Ames in 2006, Dan Culhane accepted the position of President and CEO of the Ames Chamber of Commerce and Ames Economic Development Commission (AEDC) overseeing combined annual budgets of over \$1.2 million. Shortly after Dan arrived he put together a five-year strategic plan for the AEDC and was heavily involved in the fundraising campaign that nearly doubled the operating budget. Through the efforts of Dan and his staff several projects have been secured in the community with total investment of over \$29 million and the pledge of nearly 500 jobs.

Dan is known for his “get it done” attitude and is on the radar of many organization’s board prospect lists. Among his commitments are his service on the United Way of Story County – Leadership Committee, Ames Golf and Country Club Board of Directors and the Ames Noon Rotary Club Board of Directors. Professional leadership positions include the 2007 President of the Mid America Economic Development Council, 2003 graduate of Leadership Iowa and the 2000 President of Professional Developers of Iowa.

Dan has a passion for the Ames community that is evident in his daily activities. He lives his organization’s tagline of *University - Community - Opportunity* by representing all aspects of our community with a high degree of professionalism and enthusiasm. Dan is a graduate of Iowa State University and lives in Ames with his wife, Stacey, and daughters, Katie and Maggie.

KIM IIAMS, 37

***Vice President, Residential Mortgage Originator
Bankers Trust***

Kim has been very involved in the Ames community serving on numerous boards and committees. Currently, Kim serves on the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Way Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Mary Greeley Medical Center Auxiliary (Treasurer), and the Cameron Pines Homeowners Association (Treasurer). She is also active serving on committees in the Young Professionals of Ames, Ames Noon Rotary Club, Ames Golf and Country Club, Collegiate United Methodist Church and Habitat for Humanity of Story County. Kim's prior community involvement consists of serving as president of the Mary Greeley Medical Center Auxiliary as well as serving as the corporate board president and alumni advisor for Delta Delta Delta Sorority at ISU. It is apparent from Kim's community involvement work that she rises to the top and is viewed as a leader.

Kim has over 15 years experience in the residential mortgage business. She is consistently in the Top Producers Club in her industry and has made education and professional training a priority. In addition to her finance degree from ISU, Kim has continued her professional development with classes and seminars such as Todd Duncan Sales Mastery, ACT Database Management, Leadership & Team Building and Mortgage Mastery. Kim is a true professional in the mortgage business and is highly respected by her customers and colleagues.

Kim graduated from Iowa State University's College of Business. She lives in Ames with her husband, Chris, and her two children, Colton and Ashley.

DAN NUTINI, 32

***Project Architect
Roseland Mackey Harris Architects PC***

Dan exemplifies what every employer looks for in a young professional. His willingness to volunteer and participate in both work and social activities and responsibilities is limitless. He is self-motivated to expand his knowledge in his field and community activities. Dan is always looking for an opportunity to get involved to improve both his workplace and the community.

Rising to a leader in several capacities throughout the community, Dan is also in line to take the helm of the Young Professionals of Ames organization in 2011. He currently serves as the YPA Membership and Social Committee Chair, and has been instrumental in recruiting and engaging members throughout the years. On his initiative, Dan participated and graduated from the Ames Citizens Academy, and currently holds a position on the City of Ames Building Code Board of Appeals. Dan also volunteers with the AARP and the Heartland Senior Center.

Dan is a Registered Architect with the American Institute of Architects, and is also a LEED Accredited Professional. Having completed his BBA at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, Dan received his Master of Architecture from Iowa State University. Dan and his wife Wendy live in Ames.

BECKY PERKOVICH, 29
Supported Living Technician
Mainstream Living

Becky has a very high level of involvement in the Ames community. She has been extremely active with the Ames Jaycees and the Iowa Junior Chamber for years assuming several leadership positions and receiving several major awards along the way. Besides graduating from the Jaycee Prime program, Becky has received the 2006 national Outstanding Local Vice-President Award (U.S. Jaycees), the 2007 Local Vice-President of the Year, and the 2007 State Program Manager of the year from the Iowa Junior Chamber.

Becky serves her community in a plethora of other ways as well. She has served on the Main Street Cultural District 4th of July Committee, United Way of Story County Endowment Donor Recognition Committee, Community and Family Resources Advisory Board and Leadership Ames. Volunteer capacities expand to include the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Mary Greeley Medical Center External Relations office, 4H mentor in Boone County, and Young Professionals of Iowa. Additionally, Becky just accepted the position of City of Ames volunteer in the 2010-11 ASSET process for funding local human service core programs. Becky is regularly asked to assume leadership positions within her volunteer activities.

Becky's position at Mainstream Living includes researching and coordinating social, community and recreational activities to enhance the lives of clients with mental handicaps. She also works with clients on medical, household and personal skills. It takes a compassionate and skilled professional to work in this area, and those adjectives certainly describe this outstanding young professional.

Becky graduated from Des Moines Area Community College. She lives in Ames with her dog, Izzy and her rabbit, Maude. Her favorite activity is volunteering.

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