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## '40 under Forty' winners announced

Business First of Buffalo

A diverse group of honorees – from an acclaimed member of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra to the developer of canine shampoo – was selected for the 19th annual Business First 40 Under Forty class.

Forty individuals – all under the age of 40 – are being recognized for their professional success and community involvement. A six-member panel made the selections.

“Each of these individuals has made it their mission to contribute in extraordinary ways to their communities and the quality of life we all enjoy in the Buffalo Niagara region,” said Jack Connors, Business First publisher and president.

The 2010 class will be honored at a luncheon Nov. 9 at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center.

The judging panel was headed by Michael Faso, Independent Health senior vice president/finance and ancillary business services. He was a 2002 honoree.

Other judges were: Brett Begley, president and owner of ABC Hardware & Rental; Joanne Besta, a teacher with the Niagara Wheatfield Central School District and professor at Niagara University; Susan Grelick, New York State Senate counsel; James Morrell, superintendent of route planning, Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority; and Connie Stives, owner, Computer SOS.

Begley (1999), Grelick (1992), Morrell (1997) and Stives (2005) are past honorees, as well.

The 40 Under Forty award winners for 2010 are:

**Wayne Abbott, The Flip Side Restaurant**

**Damon Ayer, Murphy's Main Street Station**

**Charles Barber, Heritage Christian Services**

**Michael Barone, Fredonia State College**

**Scott Behrend, Road Less Traveled Productions**

**Rosanna Berardi, Berardi Immigration Law**

**Diane Bessell, United Way of Buffalo & Erie County**

**Christine Bonaguide, Hodgson Russ LLP**

Robert Brunschmid, Theatre of Youth Co.

**Steve Cichon, WBEN Radio**

**Ryan DenHaese, Buffalo Spine Surgery**

**Nicholas Fiume, Deloitte & Touche LLP**

**Nicole Gavigan, Eden Interiors LLC**

**Joseph Giglia, Catholic Health System**

Leslie Glassbrenner, Gentile Dentistry of East Aurora PLLC

**Joseph Hanna, Goldberg Segalla LLP**

Lenora Henson, Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site

Aaron Hirsch, VascoFlo Inc.

**Mara Huber, University at Buffalo**

**Laura LaCongo, LaDeDa Pet Spa**

**Eric Lindstrom, Cannon Design**

**Drew Ludwig, Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church**

Dana Marciniak, New Era Cap Co.

Michael Martin, Native American Community Services of Erie and Niagara Counties Inc.

Michael McCartney, Respiratory Services of Western New York Inc.

Tom McManus, KegWorks Inc.

**Roman Mekinulov, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra**

Steven Perrigo, Turner Construction Co.

**Jessica Pirro, Crisis Services**

**Mark Romanowski, Harter Secrest & Emery LLP**

**Marc Rosenthal, ROI Financial Group**

**Kate Sarata, WNY AmeriCorps**

**Audrey Seeley, Hurwitz & Fine PC**

**Amy Steiner, Buffalo Public Schools**

**Kristin Surdej, Laping Surdej Associates LLC**

**Kathy Swenson, Gateway-Longview**

**Jonathan Swiatkowski, Kaleida Health**

Joyelle Tedeschi, Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of WNY

**Christopher Thorpe, Darien Lake Resort & Theme Park**

Brian White, UB Associates Inc.

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