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VBM Recognizes Vermont's Rising Stars Class of 2014

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Vermont Business Magazine is proud to announce the winners of its Rising Stars recognition award. The list is comprised of 40 winners under the age of 40. Award recipients were selected by a panel of judges for their commitment to business growth, professional excellence and involvement in their communities.

"We are thrilled by the response to this initiative to recognize these up-and-coming leaders," said VBM Publisher John Boutin. "We received over 150 outstanding nominations, the most nominations since the program started in 2010. The judges had a difficult time picking the top 40. These young professionals have chosen to make Vermont home. For these young professionals it's not just about business. It's about them making a difference in their communities," Boutin said.

Vermont Business Magazine will honor Vermont's most accomplished young leaders at the Rising Stars dinner on November 6. The dinner will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel & Conference Center on Williston Rd in South Burlington. The honorees will also be featured in the November issue of *Vermont Business Magazine*.

FAST FACTS: Of the 40 honorees, there were 17 men and 23 women. There are 21 from Chittenden County, 7 from Washington County, 3 from Franklin County, 2 from Windsor County, 2 from Windham County, 1 from Rutland County, 1 from Bennington County, 1 from Addison County, 1 from Orleans County and 1 from Caledonia County. The largest county increase was Chittenden County, up 3 from 2013. The average age of the winners is 33 years old. The oldest is 39 and the youngest is 23 years old.

Judges: Governor Jim Douglas, Anson Tebbetts, News Director, WCAX, Margi Swett, President, Vermont Trophy and Engraving, Linda Rossi, State Director VtSBDC, Joe Doud, Assistant General Manager, Vermont Lake Monsters, Kristin Carlson, Director of Media, Green Mountain Power, Kathleen Murphy-Moriarty, Associate Vice President of Marketing and Communications, Norwich University.

Rising Stars Class of 2014

Marc Acquila-*RSG - Resource Systems Group, Inc.*-White River Junction

Heidi Auclair-*Morways Moving*-Williston

Richard Berkfield-*Food Connects*-Putney

Lara Bonn-*VEIC*-Burlington

Hillary Boone-*Benchmarks for a Better Vermont*-Burlington

Nicola Boutin-*Fusion 802*-South Burlington

Ted Brady-*USDA Rural Development*-Montpelier

Nancy (Driscoll) Brooks-*State of Vermont*-St. Albans

Sean Buchanan-*Black River Produce*-North Springfield

Scott Buckley-*Enpro*-South Burlington

Ela Chapin-*Vermont Housing and Conservation Board*-Montpelier

Chase Cota-*Townline Auto*-Swanton

Annie Crawford-*Vermont Works for Women*-Winooski

Renee Dall-*Cocktails Curing Cancer*-Essex Jct

Paul Dame-*Shepherd Financial Services*-Essex Jct

Rachel Feldman-*State of Vermont*-Montpelier

Steve Gagner-*14th Star Brewing*-St Albans

Sara Gilbert-*NeighborWorks of Western Vermont*-Rutland

William Graham-*Graham Farms Maple*-Williamstown

Rebecca Grenier-*Eating Well*-South Burlington

Stephanie Hainley-*White + Burke Real Estate Investment Advisors, Inc.*-Burlington

Meghan Haley-*Champlain College*-Burlington

Emir Heco-*Heco Engineering*-Essex Junction

Rich Hornby-*Mack Molding*-Arlington

Fauna Hurley-*Revitalizing Waterbury*-Waterbury

Kyle Lewis-*Ski Vermont - Vermont Ski Areas Association*-Montpelier

Keith McGilvery-*WCAX-TV*-South Burlington

William McNeil-*Hen of the Wood*-Colchester

Sarah Morris-*Basin Harbor Club*-Vergennes

Dan Osman- *The Vermont Association for Mental Health and Addiction Recovery* -Milton

Doug Paine-*Hotel Vermont*-Burlington

Mary Parent-*Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC*-St. Johnsbury

Colleen Parker-*CMP Health Services*-Shelburne

Gwen Pokalo-*Mercy Connections*-Burlington

Peter Pomerantz-*Pomerantz Woodworking L.L.C.*-Waitsfield

Daniel Riley-*Blu-Bin Inc.*-Burlington

Katherine Sims-*Green Mountain Farm-to-School*-Newport

Elizabeth Stillwell-*DEW Construction Corp.*-Williston

Lindsey Sullivan-*IBM*-Williston

Elizabeth Wohl-*Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC*-Brattleboro

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