

2008 Green County Young Professional of the Year Nominees

JULIE ALLEMAGNE: Julie is a Chief HR Officer at the Monroe Clinic who successfully made the transition from a manufacturing background to healthcare. She is devoted to her community, volunteering for the past 2 years on the United Way Board of Directors. When not working or volunteering, Julie spends quality time with her family, bike-riding, visiting area parks, networking with young professionals and visiting the YMCA.

MARCI BOSS: Marci is Accounts Payable Clerk for Roth Kase USA, Ltd. Her duties are not limited to Accounts Payable; Marci lends her expertise to inventory management and IT support. She is a graduate of Green County Leaders and a founding member of Green County Young Professionals. She also dedicates her time to FUTURE FORWARD! Green County, and was instrumental in the success of the kickoff of this project and its continuance. She currently serves as Chairperson for the Community Portal project as part of FUTURE FORWARD!.

KIM BRUGGEMAN: Kim is Center Director for Rainbow Childcare. She started her career in childcare 18 years ago and has propelled herself and her knowledge of the industry. When not helping to educate and develop young children, Kim can be found volunteering with Brodhead Jaycees, World Clean Up Day, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Green County. Kim and her husband are in the process of adopting a baby and she will soon be a graduate of Blackhawk Technical College with an Associates Degree in Early Childhood.

SARAH BURGERT: Sarah is Community Resource Development Educator for UW-Extension of Green County. She plays an instrumental role in shaping the direction of Green County's future including the implementation of Green County Young Professionals, Green County Latino Needs Advisory Committee, and FUTURE FORWARD! Green County. She has played an important role in developing the leadership skills of over 125 Green County Leader graduates. Sarah will soon be relocating to Arizona and will be greatly missed by all of Green County.

STEPHANIE CALL: Stephanie's enthusiastic approach to life has led her to become a Spanish teacher with the Albany School District. She is now in her eleventh year of teaching, completed her Master's in Education in Technology, authored a Spanish text, has led many cross-curricular initiatives, created opportunities for career development for teachers and sponsored post-college preparation for students. Stephanie volunteers her time on the Green County Latino Needs Committee and the Green County Association of Foreign Language Teachers. Stephanie balances her life with gardening, jewelry creations, amateur photography and reading.

KEVIN CALLAHAN: Kevin is the Director of IMS/List Services, Inc. Born in Green County, Kevin moved away and then returned to marry and raise his family. Kevin always models volunteerism within his profession. He is one of the first upper management staff to step-up and volunteer for company events and shows his support to employee programs that have helped the company grow. Kevin supports Green County by serving in leadership roles, attending community events, shopping locally, and serving on the board of the YMCA (and other organizations). He is a supporter and continued leader for the FUTURE FORWARD! Green County initiative and is a graduate of Green County Leaders program.

STEF CULBERSON: Stef is a Food Stylist with The Swiss Colony, Inc. and has just celebrated her fifth year with them. Her work can be seen not only in company catalogs, but on the Food Network, the International Association of Culinary Professionals, and Slow Food USA. Stef is an immigrant from Germany where most of her family remains. She began her life in the USA with an accepted application to UW-LaCrosse, an apartment rental agreement, very little money and few personal belongings. When not preparing and styling food, Stef can be found micro-farming, teaching cooking classes, catering and cooking for events, participating in church events and enjoying her young son and husband.

JUSTIN DRECKMAN: Justin is the District Manager for Cenex. Throughout his career he has continually been top seller for Cenex and Landmark in petroleum products. He is a graduate UW-Platteville and has utilized his education and good business sense to advance himself within his career while mentoring those under him to help advance themselves as well. Justin and his family are avid supporters/walkers with March of Dimes March for Babies. He balances his career by spending time with his family, reading to his girls at night and enjoying basketball games with friends and neighbors.

CURT GRATZ: Curt is Co-Owner of Computer Know How, based in Brodhead. He and his business partner started their business in the living room while attending college. Recently celebrating 10 years in business, Curt boasts this is one of his greatest accomplishments. Curt supports his community by volunteering his time with the youth of Green County. He has been helping to lead his church's youth ministries for the past 7 years. Curt also coaches Cross Country and Track in Brodhead, and has been doing so for the past 6 years. He states his life's purpose statement is "to Love God, Love my Family, and Love Teenagers", by doing so, everything else in life will fall into order.

ERIC JERDEE: Eric is partner/co-owner of Beast Buffet in Monroe with an additional store in Paoli. At 18 years old Eric began a partnership with his father to operate the pet and animal supply store. He is committed to supporting small family farms in Southern Wisconsin and works hard to keep prices affordable to small farmers and shoppers. He is a successful supporter and bidder at the Green County Fair Livestock auctions; local FFA chapters (including Juda, Blackhawk, Argyle and Monroe), Green County Humane Society and Optimists Club. Past and future endeavors include Beast Bash, an educational event that is free to the public and features demonstrations with pet supply manufacturers.

TONYA MULROONEY: Tonya is a Green County Land Conservation Technician. Growing up on a farm helped Tonya to choose her career and make a difference in the agricultural sector. When not helping farmer's improve their conservation efforts, she can be found volunteering with the former Monroe Jaycee's and mentoring a "little" with the Green County Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. Tonya is soon to be a graduate of Green County Leaders and enjoys bowling in her free time. She is busily preparing herself for her upcoming nuptials this August.

NIC OWEN: Nic is Administrator for the Village of New Glarus. He grew up in New Glarus, moved away to attend college and returned to serve his community. Nic is responsible for uniting the Village, the Town of New Glarus, the Chamber of Commerce and the School District. He participates in professional organizations to improve his communication skills and professional abilities. Nic is a volunteer with the Lions Club, a member of the FUTURE FORWARD! Green County Leadership Team and soon to be graduate of Green County Leaders. Nic enjoys spending time with his wife, working in his yard, participating in outdoorsman activities and playing baseball for the New Glarus Tourists.

JEREMY PINNOW: Jeremy is owner/operator of Jeremy D. Pinnow & Associates, Inc. in downtown Brodhead. He began his business just after college. Jeremy's business has expanded to 8 representatives throughout Wisconsin, Iowa and Michigan. Jeremy and his wife operate two successful property management companies. Jeremy is treasurer of the Brodhead Jaycees and the Greenwood Cemetery Association. He is a member of Brodhead Chamber of Commerce, judges senior projects for Brodhead High School, works with Juda High School's Boys Varsity basketball team and manages his church's softball team. His greatest balance in life is spending time with his wife and son; taking walks, bike rides and attending UW Badger Basketball games.

TAMERA SCHULTE: Tamera (Tammy) is the Green County Family YMCA Pre-School Director. Tammy has worked for the YMCA for the past 12 years. She was instrumental in implementation of the preschool program. Tammy's volunteerism efforts are extensive and include: Sunday School Teacher, Girl Scouts, American Red Cross, Family Resource Coalition Committee, 4-H, South Central Master Gardeners and Green County Farm Technology Days. She is currently working on her Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education and a teaching license for State of Wisconsin. Tammy's relaxation includes spending time with family, school and sporting events, sewing, quilting, gardening, crafts and outdoor activities.

TORY TULLIS-ZETTLE: Tory is a Catalog Information Development Specialist with The Swiss Colony, Inc. Her primary responsibilities are to uphold the data integrity of the catalog. Tory's volunteerism includes Planning Committee Member of March of Dimes Annual walk, Ad Board Chairperson for church and United Way of Green County Allocation Committee Member. She is a graduate of Green County Leaders and a founding member of Green County Young Professionals. Tory is committed to the success of YPofGC. She also dedicates her time to FUTURE FORWARD! Green County and was instrumental in the success of the kickoff of this project.

SUSANNA WEISS: Susanna (Susie) is the New Glarus Chamber of Commerce Director. She has learned that having "great people skills" is a very important trait to possess in her position due to contact with such an array of individuals. Susie's volunteer duties include serving as co-coordinator to Little Sugar River clean-up in New Glarus, decorating her community for the fall season, Wilhelm Tell marketing and coordinating a welcome packet for new residents. Susie is a Green County Leader graduate. She expresses that volunteerism fills her life with joy and creates meaningful connections between herself and community members. When not at the Chamber office Susie can be found spending time with her family hiking, fishing, and on family walks; she recently discovered scrap booking and still finds passion in shopping.