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30 Leaders in their Thirties

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North County Inc., a regional economic and community development organization, will honor North County's newest generation of business, professional and community leaders.

NCI, in partnership with the North County Suburban Journals and Gateway Television Network (GTN), will host "NCI Salutes 30 Leaders in their Thirties" luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 24 at Norwood Hills Country Club.

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NCI to recognize 30 outstanding young professionals

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Siblings Jeremy and Anna Gettemeier never strayed far from their North County roots. He lives in Ferguson, she in Bel-Nor.

They also remain committed to making a difference in the communities where they live and work.

The Gettemeiers will be among the young professionals to receive the 2010 "NCI Salutes 30 Leaders in their Thirties" Award during a luncheon Sept. 24 at Norwood Hills Country Club.

North County Incorporated (NCI) will recognize these 30 outstanding individuals for their contributions to their profession and community.

"These young business, civic and community leaders are impressive," said Rebecca Zoll, president and CEO of NCI, a regional development association. "They are excelling in their professions, as well as, volunteering for area civic and charitable organizations and making a difference in our community. 'NCI Salutes 30 Leaders in their Thirties' is our way of saying 'thanks for your contributions.'"

Since its inception in 2007, Gateway Television Suburban Network and the North County Suburban Journals have partnered with NCI in this event.

"GTN is proud to be a media sponsor for an event that promotes exactly what we have stood for over the last 15 years, and that is promoting the positive attributes and people of North County," said Randy Gardner, GTN news director. "I was very honored in the initial year of the awards program to be recognized as one of the 30 leaders. It makes you feel great that others appreciate your efforts in promoting the North County community."

The awards acknowledge more than past achievements, they single



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Recipients of the 2010 "NCI Salutes 30 Leaders in their Thirties" awards had a chance to meet each other and the board members of North County Inc. during a reception on Sept. 2 at Glen Echo Country Club. The reception was sponsored by SSM DePaul Health Center.

ABOVE: Two of this year's awardees are LaRhonda Wilson, left, of St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley, and Darrell Strong, of the Hazelwood School District.

BELOW: Recipients Natissia Small with the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Renee Copithorne-Klyn with Schnucks Pharmacy-Cross Keys visit with each other.



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out individuals whose leadership will enhance North County for years to come, Dave Bundy, publisher of the Suburban Journals of Greater St. Louis, said.

"These 30 leaders have already made a mark on North County, but they represent a bright future as well," Bundy said. "The Journals are proud to honor them for what they do and for the example they set."

This year's recipients are Demetrius Adams, Ferguson-Florissant School District; Samuel Anselm, City of Ferguson; David Bahrenburg, IESI Corporation - MO District; Nathan Bennett, Hendl's Market Café; Kimberly Braddy, Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce; Sonya Brooks-White, City of Ferguson; Jon Caron, SSM DePaul Health Center; Kimberly Cooper, Community Volunteer (City of Ferguson); Renee Copithorne-Klyn, Schnucks Pharmacy - Cross Keys; Amy Dittmar, Hazelwood School District; Anna Gettemeier, Save-A-Lot Food Stores; Jeremy Gettemeier, Handyman Hardware; Joe Gibson, Edward Jones; Jim Hessel, Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Jim Hieger, North Technical High School; Johnny Luter, U.S. Bank; Casey McKnelly, Christian Hospital; W Samantha Newman, Sunti Designs; Sean Orear, Commercial Bank; Sgt. Ray Rice, St. Louis County Police Department; Anthony Robinson, Ritenour School District; Andrew Roth, Express Scripts, Inc.; Lisa Sisco, Boeing Leadership Center; Tiffany Slater, Hazelwood School District; Natissia Small, University of Missouri at St. Louis; Gene Stephens, Ferguson-Florissant School District; Darrell Strong, Hazelwood School District; Jason Van Beers, Pattonville School District; Edgar Velazquez, St. Louis County Economic Council; and LaRhonda Wilson, St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley.

Meet '30 Leaders in Their Thirties'

Demetrius Adams

Demetrius Adams, 36, is the assistant principal at Berkeley Middle School in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. Prior to accepting this position in 2009, Adams was a teacher in the Hazelwood and Lindbergh School District.

When not working, he volunteers to mentor North County boys in grades seven through 12 through his involvement with Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. Through field trips, local college visits and other activities, he encourages area youth to aim high and provides support to help them reach their goals.

He has successfully implemented a similar mentoring program and played a key role in implementing a positive behavior support project at Berkeley Middle.

A single father raising four sons, Adams shows them by example how learning can be the key to their success. He has received several degrees from the University of Missouri - St. Louis, including a master's degree in secondary education, a master's degree in educational administration, and educational specialist degree.

Ferguson-Florissant School District is a member of North County Inc.

Sam Anselm

Sam Anselm, 34, is employed by the City of Ferguson as the Assistant to the City Manager.

He assists with the recruitment and retention of businesses in Ferguson, oversees the human resources, information technology and public relations departments and assists with special projects.

During his time with Ferguson, Sam has experienced many professional accomplishments including helping the city receive the designation of being a 2010 All-American City finalist from the National Civic League and saving the city \$60,000 per year by overseeing the successful implementation of a new phone system and IT infrastructure.

He is a member of the International City Manager's Association, Missouri City/County Management Association and St. Louis Area City Manager's Association, and chairs the Staff Relations Team at Morning Star Church in O'Fallon, Mo.

He is a graduate of UM-SL's Master of Public Policy Administration program and has been involved in municipal government for over 10 years. He and his wife Jennifer have three children.

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David Bahrenburg

David Bahrenburg, 35, is the Missouri District Manager of IESI, a leader in waste disposal and recycling services.

Bahrenburg is responsible for the strategic planning and management of day-to-day operations for the company. He provides leadership and oversight to all division managers, site managers and district staff to ensure the company's budget, productivity and safety goals are achieved.

He is active in several industry organization such as the National Solid Waste Management Association, Environmental Industry Association, and Future Industry Leaders Alliance. He received the company's 2009 Most Improved Safety Record Award and the 2008 Best Year-Over-Performance Award.

As a member of several chambers, Bahrenburg works with municipal organizations, examining their business environment and maximizing resources, to benefit residents and to strengthen the community's environment.

He has volunteered with several organizations including Operation Clean Stream, Florissant Parks Foundation and the YMCA.

He received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Communication from the University of Central Oklahoma.

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Nathan Bennett

Nathan Bennett, 30, is president and chef at Hendel's Market Café in Florissant.

Bennett uses his culinary expertise to provide an extensive menu and his managerial experience to run what many consider a North County treasure. He is responsible for running all operations of the restaurant.

He is a longtime advocate for North County. He is a member of the Greater North County Chamber of Commerce, Historic Florissant, Sacred Heart, Florissant Old Town Partners and the Missouri Restaurant Association. He is a member of the National Restaurant Association.

Through his involvement with Old Town Partners, he has helped to promote cultural diversity and neighborhood harmony through economic development. He donates regularly to many community organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, Lions Club and the Elks. He is also a big supporter of Trinity Catholic High School and Sacred Heart Parish.

As a runner, he participates in races to raise money for organizations such as the Lymphoma Foundation.

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Kim Braddy

Kim Braddy, 38, has been the executive director of the Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce since 2001.

Prior to this, Braddy was Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau for Maryland Heights.

She attended Southwest Missouri State University receiving a degree in Private and Commercial Recreation. She then pursued her career in Florida as the recreation director for a multitude of resorts before returning to St. Louis.

Currently, Braddy serves on the NCI Board of Directors and the MoDot Community Advisory Group for the I-270 and Dorsett/Page project. She served on the Maryland Heights Cultural Arts Commission from 2002-2004.

She received the IOM (Institute for Organizational Management) Certification from the US Chamber of Commerce in 2006 and the Human Relations Champion Award from Dale Carnegie in 2009.

Braddy volunteers with her son's t-ball team and at his school. She also volunteered at Wildlife Center of Missouri, caring for rescued and rehabbed wildlife. She is a member of St. Paul's Church.

The Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce is a member of North County Inc.

Sonya Brooks-White

Sonya Brooks-White, 38, is a human resources manager and deputy city clerk for the City of Ferguson.

Brooks-White joined the city in 2003. In her position, she provides human resource support for city employees, retirees, staff and officials. Her duties include various aspects of the hiring process, managing employee benefits and administering and adhering to city policies.

She is a member of the Human Resources Management Association of Greater St. Louis, INROADS Incorporated, the International Public Management Association for Human Resources and the Missouri State High School Activities Association.

She is a youth basketball official for the North County Catholic Youth Council, has coached young boys and girls basketball teams and is the United Way coordinator for the City of Ferguson.

She earned a Master of Business Administration from Webster University and a Bachelor of Science in Human Resources Management from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas.

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Jon Caron

Jon Caron, 32, is the Clinical Director of the Emergency Department at SSM DePaul Health Center in Bridgeton.

Caron manages the Emergency Department by planning, organizing, staffing, budgeting and directing to ensure that quality patient care and exceptional customer service is provided.

Under Caron's leadership, the DePaul Emergency Department has experienced 18 percent growth over the last three years. He has helped to increase patient satisfaction by more than 20 percent with decreased wait times, including reducing the number of patients that leave without being seen to less than 1 percent.

In coordination with the seven North County Ambulance Districts, Caron has helped research, purchase and implement new pre-hospital EKG transmission technology. The technology allows EMS to transmit EKG's from the field, saving valuable time in getting acute heart attack patients to the cardiac cath lab.

He also is involved with the Southern Illinois Buckmasters, which focuses on youth in the outdoors.

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Kimberly Cooper

Kimberly Cooper, 33, is an active community volunteer in the City of Ferguson and a technology instructor at St. Louis Charter School.

Her responsibilities include developing and teaching technology-based curriculum to elementary school students. She integrates digital media practices with middle school students.

Cooper is a member of the Ferguson Park Board, the Ferguson Volunteers in Police Service, Grace Chapel Lutheran "Big Kids for Christ" Board and the Jeske Park Neighborhood Association.

She was instrumental in helping to establish a dog park in Ferguson, the Wayside Park Unleashed, meeting a need of area dog lovers. As a graduate of a Citizens Police Academy offered by the Ferguson Police Department, Cooper volunteers with the Volunteers in Police Service to assist in community events. She assists in traffic and crowd control by providing a helping hand at festivals, concerts and parades.

Cooper, who purchased a home in North County in 2004, received the 'Pride of the City' award by the city for keeping her property well maintained.

Renee Copithorne-Klyn

Renee Copithorne-Klyn, 36, is a pharmacy manager



R. Copithorne-Klyn

at Schnucks Pharmacy-Cross Keys. As a pharmacist, Copithorne-Klyn not only dispenses prescriptions to patients, but provides information about the drugs to help patients understand the instructions their doctor and health practitioner provided. She monitors a patient's health and progress to make sure medications are working safely and effectively. It is her duty to abide by state and federal laws governing pharmacy.

As the manager of the pharmacy, Copithorne-Klyn is responsible for technician hiring. She provides training and guidance to her staff. She is also a preceptor through UMKC and provides a teaching environment for pharmacy students.

Copithorne-Klyn is an experiential instructor for UMKC and is also a member of the Pharmacy Oversight Committee and Pharmacy Best Practice for Schnucks Markets.

After being manager of the pharmacy for just under two years, Copithorne-Klyn was voted Best Pharmacy in North County by Suburban Journal Readers in 2003. In 2008, Schnucks was voted Pharmacy Chain of the Year by Drug Topics Magazine.

Amy Dittmar

Dr. Amy Dittmar, 39, is the principal of Armstrong Elementary School.

Dittmar joined the Hazelwood School District in 1998. With more than 16 years of experience in education, she has served as the principal of Armstrong since 2007. Previously, she served as assistant principal at Arrowpoint Elementary School and as an instructional specialist at Jury Elementary School.

Under her leadership, Armstrong has received a Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Award of Excellence three times in the past four years from the state of Missouri, earning both bronze and silver honors. In June 2010, the school earned its second silver award.

Dittmar has developed partnerships with the community, including a monthly reading program for second- and third-grade students with the Robertson Fire Department and works closely with the Hazelwood Police Department and its D.A.R.E. Program for alcohol and drug abuse prevention.

She earned a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from Maryville University in 2008.

Hazelwood School District is a member of North County Inc.

Anna Gettemeier

Anna Gettemeier, 33, is the store planner at Save-A-Lot Food Stores/SuperValu Inc.



A. Gettemeier

Her responsibilities include working on a team of real estate developers, construction managers, architects and merchandisers to develop plans for new Save-A-Lot Food Stores. She draws and lays out the building and store plans, making sure that each aspect (city codes, company criteria, operation efficiencies and budget restraints) is met.

Gettemeier is a member of the Greater St. Louis United Way GenNext Steering Committee and the St. Louis Day of Service Planning Committee. She is also a Save-A-Lot Green Team Leader.

As a volunteer with the United Way, Gettemeier participates in projects once a month. She enjoys working at the YWCA on West Florissant and the FoodBank in Earth City. For the past two years, Gettemeier has provided recycling help for the Florissant Oktoberfest.

Gettemeier has been awarded President Obama's National Service Award in 2009 and the United Way Top Volunteer Award the past three years.

Jeremy Gettemeier

Jeremy Gettemeier, 34, oversees the Installation and

Home Improvement Division at Handyman Hardware in Florissant.

He is responsible for light home remodeling, including installing doors, windows, kitchens and baths.

Gettemeier is a member of the Parent Association at the Child Development Center at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley; the City of Ferguson Planning and Zoning Committee, the City of Ferguson Walkable/Bikeable Committee, the Farmers Market and the Ferguson Citywalk Organization.

At Ferguson's Farmers Market, Gettemeier works weekly with other volunteers to help set up and operate a successful market. He volunteers his time with the City of Ferguson's Planning and Zoning Committee because he likes having an opportunity to be involved in the growth and improvement in the community.

In 1998, he purchased an abandoned home in Ferguson and has made it into a beautiful homestead that has received the Pride of Ferguson Award. He did all the work himself, building two additions to the home and several outbuildings.

Joe Gibson

Joe Gibson, 37, is a financial advisor at Edward Jones in Florissant since 1996.

Gibson helps families reach their goals by advising them on financial plans. He uses his knowledge to guide

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his clients on the best financial strategies.

Gibson is affiliated with the United Way Young Leadership Society and with the Southeast Missouri State University Planned Giving Board. He is a past officer with Business Network International and is a bone marrow donor who donated in 2004.

In 2003, Gibson became a Limited Partner with Edward Jones and is most proud of helping to grow the number of offices in North County. This year, Gibson was named the 5-Star Wealth Manager by St. Louis Magazine.

He graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in 1996 with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance, achieved Accredited Asset Management Specialist in 2004 and achieved the Certified Financial Planner designation in 2009.

He and his wife, Amy, have three children, Sydney, Ben and Kate.

His hobbies are playing hockey and other sports.

Jim Hessel

Jim Hessel, 30, is an Environmental Specialist III with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Hessel is currently on the Board of Directors for Florissant Old Town Partners, chairman of the Florissant Board of Adjustments, a member of the Florissant Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and Recording Secretary for the Knights of Columbus Council No.2951. Previously, he had served on the Florissant TIF Commission and Florissant Ambassadors.

He is very involved in the community as well as with his job. He organized a creek clean-up of Fountain Creek that runs next to Old St. Ferdinand Shrine in Florissant in October 2008 and he currently co-chairs Florissant Old Town Partners' "Wednesday Night Out."

He graduated from DeSmet Jesuit High School in 1998 and Southeast Missouri State University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

He enjoys spending time with his wife, Allison, and golden retriever, Autumn.

Jim and Allison are expecting their first child in April.

Jim Hieger

Jim Hieger, 34, is an assistant principal at North Technical High School in Florissant.

His job responsibilities include supporting students in their academic achievement, supervising staff, planning professional development, creating a positive learning environment and creating supportive relationships with parents and students.

Prior to working at North Tech, Hieger worked for Special School District as a special education teacher at Hazelwood West High School, eventually serving as the special education team leader for three years. He was promoted to area coordinator for SSD students in the Hazelwood School District, where he was responsible for supervision of the program for 650 students.

W Samantha Newman

W Samantha Newman, 35, is a painter, illustrator, graphic designer and owner of Sunti Designs, a full-service marketing and graphic design firm.

She oversees the marketing graphic design, accounting, sales accounts, social media and customer service departments.

Hieger volunteers with Skills USA, a not-for-profit organization serving teachers, high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. He also is proud of his involvement with Multiple Sclerosis and ALS organizations. He has aided in fundraisers for both organizations.

The Special School District is a member of North County Inc.

Johnny Luter II

Johnny Luter II, 34, is the branch manager for US Bank in Spanish Lake.

His job responsibilities include management and administration of the branch to ensure that budget goals are met and the bank is in compliance with laws and regulations.

Luter is involved with several business, civic, and community organizations including St. Louis County NAACP, St. Louis Leadership Roundtable and the Spanish Lake Community Association. He is president of the Wellston Business Commerce Association, a board member of the Wellston Community Support Association, and a board member of the Great River Greenway.

He has contributed to the North County area in many ways, and is especially proud of the work he does with the Wellston Business Owners to improve economic development within the city and the future work he will do with the Spanish Lake Community Association to promote community advocacy.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the University of Central Oklahoma.

US Bank is a member of North County Inc.

Casey McKnelly

Casey McKnelly, 38, is a patient care manager for the Emergency Department at Christian Hospital.

She manages the daily operations of the Emergency Room, ensuring the patients receive excellent care and the employees have what they need to do their job.

McKnelly has been in the healthcare profession for 22 years. Prior to her current position, she was the manager of a critical care unit.

She has a passion for community education and helping people take better care of themselves. She works closely in her children's schools to promote healthy living and has been involved with several health fairs. She is currently working with a group to promote healthy lifestyles to the North County community. She also wants to become involved in helping women and children who fall victim to domestic violence.

She recently received the Leadership Award from Christian Hospital and is currently in school completing her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

Christian Hospital is a member of North County Inc.

W Samantha Newman

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W.S. Newman

Chamber of Marketing Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce/Ambassador committee, St. Louis Artist's Guild-marketing committee/illustration section, St. Louis Bon Odori Dance Group, and e-Women Network.

She offers a pro bono marketing project each quarter to local governments, non-for-profits, and community events as a way of giving back to the community.

She is currently assisting with efforts toward increasing international trade with countries like Indonesia, Thailand and Italy to import and export goods related to the arts. She is helping to raise funds for the Indonesian Study Abroad Program 2010, a collaboration between the St. Louis Artist's Guild, the Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago and the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Washington, D.C, and ArtDimensions.

Sean Orear

Sean Orear, 33, is currently a Corporate Banking Officer with Commercial Bank.

As an employee for the past 10 years, Orear recently completed a three-year banking school program, the Paul W. Barrett Jr. School of Banking, at Christian Brothers College in Memphis, Tenn.

As a representative for Commercial Bank, Orear is involved in the community. He is currently the chairman of the board for the Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce. Prior to his role as chairman, he served as the membership chairman. He also is a member of the Northwest Chamber of Commerce.

Orear serves as a board member of Crusade Against Crime of America, an organization affiliated with the St. Louis County Police that dedicates its time to recognizing area police officers. He also enjoyed volunteering at Loaves & Fishes Charity on a rehab project.

He graduated from Truman State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Justice Systems. He and his wife, Natalia, have one son.

Commercial Bank is a member of North County Inc.

Sgt. Ray Rice

Sgt. Ray Rice, 36, is the supervisor with the North County Precinct Neighborhood Policing Unit of the St. Louis County Police Department.

Since Sgt. Rice was assigned to the Neighborhood Policing Unit in 2009, he has worked with citizens to continue developing programs and initiatives to enhance the quality of life within their respective neighborhoods.

He recently partnered with Majic 104.9 to organize a series of block parties to help encourage community involvement with crime prevention. He volunteered during the development stages of the St. Louis County Family Court Evening Reporting Center, a program for juveniles found guilty of non-violent crimes, where they can receive mentoring and life skill training. He



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also worked closely with the Hazelwood and Riverview Gardens school districts to address concerns of violence among students.

He currently serves on the advisory board to Hazelwood School District's Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative and on the Urban League Public Safety Council of Metropolitan St. Louis.

The St. Louis County Police Department is a member of North County Inc.

Anthony Robinson

Dr. Anthony Robinson, 38, is the principal of Ritenour High School in the Ritenour School District.

Since coming to Ritenour in 2008, his vision for the school has resulted in state and national recognition of the school's Project Lead the Way program, a pre-engineering program that introduces students to the disciplines of engineering prior to entering college.

He has implemented an initiative to improve student learning through Systems Thinking, which led to the district co-sponsoring the Systems Thinking in Schools Institute at Washington University. He also has introduced or expanded several programs, including the Renaissance program and Student Advisory Council.

He is a member of several professional organizations and belongs to the Kiwanis Club.

He has a Master's Degree in Secondary Education Administration from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Phoenix.

Robinson also coached football and wrestling at Hazelwood Central High School and McCluer North High School.

Ritenour School District is a member of North County Inc.

Andrew Roth

Andrew M. Roth, 32, is a manager of Eligibility Operations at Express Scripts Inc., in St. Louis.

He oversees day-to-day operations of the Eligibility Department and leads a team of high-performing eligibility analysts who electronically manage hundreds of client eligibility files containing data for millions of Express Scripts members.

He is also involved in assisting the Client Benefit Department with issue management and resolution for the Well-Point-NextRx acquisition and migration effort.

Roth is a member of the University of Missouri-St. Louis Alumni Association, Saint Rose Phillipine-Duchesne Parish and the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity Alumni. He earned his MBA from UMSL this year.

Last year, Roth volunteered through Express Scripts at Logos School in reconfiguring computer equipment for the students and staff. In 2006 and 2007, he was appointed to the TIF Commission for the City of Florissant and volunteered for the Citizens Participation Committee in 2005.

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Lisa Sisco

Lisa Sisco, 30, is the Assistant General Manager with ARAMARK at the Boeing Leadership Center.

She began her career in the hospitality industry in 2002 as the Pathways to Leadership Manager at the Boeing Leadership Center in Florissant. Her

current duties includes assisting the general manager, overseeing the departmental operations and providing the Boeing client support.

Sisco is involved with various committees and activities both professionally and personally. She serves on the Employee Recognition Committee, BLC's Cross-Functional Lean Team, Attitudes in Action Trainer and is Editor-in-Chief of the quarterly newsletter. She is a University of Missouri Student Mentor and participates in the North County Relay for Life, where she served as team captain from 2008-10.

She also managed nominations for the Boeing Pride awards and was nominated in 2007 to the International Association of Conference Center's Board as a Young Under 30 member.

She graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia with a Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management.

Tiffany Slater

Tiffany Slater, 37, is the director of Human Resources for the Hazelwood School District.

Slater, who joined the district in 2006, leads her team in providing human resources support to more than 2,500 employees. She coordinated the district's first-ever diversity job fair, in which hundreds of teaching applicants from across the area had the opportunity to interview directly with school principals. She has helped step up the recruiting efforts in HSD with a progressive and innovative recruiting plan, and she represents the district during negotiations with six union organizations.

Slater is a member of the Society for Human Resources Management. Previously,

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she has held leadership roles with organizations such as the Professional Organization of Women, United Way Young Professionals and Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School.

She earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and a Master of Arts in Human Resources from Washington University.

The Hazelwood School District is a member of North County Inc.

Natissia Small

Natissia Small, 38, is the Director of Office of Pre-collegiate Programs at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

She oversees all college access services and programing for the UMSL Division of Student Affairs. She is also the Director of UMSL's Bridge Program, which equips area high school students and parents with tools necessary to matriculate successfully towards post-secondary attainment.

Small is affiliated with several organizations including the University of Missouri-System P-20 Task Force, National College Access Network, Missouri Association of College Admissions Counselors and American Counseling Association.

She has received several awards including the 2008 North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice Youth Task Force Mentor of the Year Award.

She is a member of Christ Our Redeemer AME Church and leads the Women's Ministry and as well as a co-facilitator for the Marriage and Family Ministry.

She holds dual Master degrees in Secondary School Education-Adult Education and Counseling Education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis is a member of North County Inc.

Gene Stephens

Gene Stephens, 39, is a mathematics teacher at Ferguson Middle School, in the Ferguson/Florissant School District, the school he attended as a child.

Stephens helps his students understand the principles of algebra.

As a third-generation resident of Ferguson, Stephens feels deeply committed to North County. He is member of the Ferguson-Florissant National Education Association, and the Financial Task Force. He volunteers at the Ferguson Farmers Market and is the assistant to the market master. Each week, Stephens enjoys volunteering his time at the market, which draws crowds of people to the North County area. He also tends the flowers at the Ferguson Library and the city's gazebo and he was the chair of the Ferguson Strategic Downtown Redevelopment Plan committee.

Stephens and his wife, Jennifer, also a Ferguson-Florissant School District teacher, were named the 2010 Citizen of the Year by the City of Ferguson.

Ferguson/Florissant School District is a member of North County Inc.

Darrell Strong

Darrell Strong, 39, is the principal of Hazelwood Central High School.

He started with the District in 2004 as principal of Hazelwood Northwest Middle School.

As principal of HCHS, Strong has established several initiatives for students including the Freshmen College Series, which all ninth-grade students visit the campuses of two-year



D. Strong

and four-year colleges and a trade/technical school. He also has led initiatives which have resulted in gains in overall student achievement.

Strong is a certified I-SAFE instructor, facilitating Internet safety training for schools and community groups. He has mentored at-risk youth, helping them to graduate high school or attain a GED. He belongs to the Missouri Parent Teacher Student Association and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

He earned a master's degree and an education specialist degree, both from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and will receive his doctoral degree from Maryville University in May 2011.

Hazelwood School District is a member of North County Inc.

Jason Van Beers

Jason Van Beers, 35, is the principal of Drummond Elementary School in the Pattonville School District.

Prior to becoming principal in 2006, he was the assistant

principal at Drummond for three years. He served as administrative liaison between the Special School District and the Lindbergh School District prior to his move to Pattonville.

As principal, Van Beers cares for 500 kindergarten through fifth-grade students. He plans after-school activities and special events for students and their families in order to encourage support and community within the school.

He is a member of the Association for Supervision

and Curriculum Development, Drummond Elementary School Improvement Facilitator, Drummond PTO Officer, president of the St. Charles County Hawg Hunters Bass Club. He also runs a soda tab drive at Drummond for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

He holds a degree in Elementary and Secondary Education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and a Master's degree in Educational Administration from Lindenwood University.

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Edgar Velazquez

Edgar Velazquez, 34, is project manager for St. Louis County Economic Council's Real Estate and Community Development Division.

One of his main objectives is to help improve the economic conditions and quality of life for North County residents.

In 2009, Velazquez spearheaded the planning efforts for the redevelopment of Jamestown Mall. He assisted in planning the community-interaction meetings to solicit input and to assist the Urban Land Institute as it studied the mall's current challenges and suggested redevelopment opportunities. Planning efforts are ongoing.

He also acted as an advocate and Economic Council representative in a number of projects in the community of Wellston, which included a small business incubator, the creation of trails and parks, and a youth baseball association.

He is a member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis.

He graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago, with a Bachelor of Arts, and a Master of Arts in

Urban Planning & Policy.

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LaRhonda Wilson

LaRhonda Wilson, 37, is an assistant professor of Sociology/Anthropology with St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley.

Wilson coordinates the sociology and anthropology program and teaches. She serves as co-coordinator for Service Learning at the college. For the past three years, she has introduced volunteerism to students by incorporating

"service learning" in her curriculum. She and one of her colleagues plan to start a Social Justice Club, where they will introduce advocacy and service work to the campus community and the community-at-large.

Wilson is a member of The Adoption Exchange, Organization for Black Struggle, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Association of Black Sociologists and American Sociology Association. She has served on the boards of AFRICA, REACH St. Louis, Let's Start and American Friends Service Committee.

Previously, Wilson worked in the adoption and foster care system. She earned a Master's Degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice from Lincoln University.

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