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## Waukesha County Business Alliance Announces Winners of Inaugural Emerging Leaders of Waukesha County

The Waukesha County Business Alliance has announced the five winners of its inaugural Emerging Leaders of Waukesha County awards program. These awards celebrate young professionals who have shown personal initiative, determination, and commitment to their careers and their community.



The Alliance received many nominations for the awards, and an independent judging panel reviewed nominees based on six criteria: community service involvement, achievement of professional goals, having a team mindset, continual self-improvement, possessing leadership traits, and seeking ways to advance.

"These five emerging leaders are dedicated individuals who have taken their personal and professional growth to heart," said Suzanne Kelley, president of the Waukesha County Business Alliance. "They represent a bright future for Waukesha County and demonstrate what companies can achieve by nurturing and supporting younger professionals."

### 2016 Emerging Leaders of Waukesha County

#### **Anne C. Fahser**

**Financial Advisor, CRPC - Investors Advisory Group**

**Why she won:** Anne went into the financial planning field with a desire to help others plan and secure their futures. When she joined Investors Advisory Group, she worked with her company to develop a career path pursuing the necessary certifications and education required to advance. Her drive to give back carried over to her involvement on several boards and committees, such as PEO International, Shorehaven and Ambassadors of Giving, and involved the planning and coordination of a number of fundraising events.



#### **Andrew Gerbitz**

**President and Founder - Andrew's Voice; Teacher in the Child Care Center - YMCA Pabst Farms**



**Why he won:** Andrew started his own business, Andrew's Voice, which speaks to groups about having Down Syndrome and encourages the community to support people with Down Syndrome. He is one of only two individuals in Waukesha County with an intellectual disability to start their own business. He also teaches at YMCA Pabst Farms, and sits on a number of committees and the Board of Directors for the Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin.



### **Katelyn Nye**

#### **Product Research Manager - X-Ray - GE Healthcare**

**Why she won:** Through her involvement as Product Research Manager, Katelyn has been instrumental in sharing GE's research results, which found a new process that improved detection of lung nodules by 750%. Her involvement and speaking engagements created a ripple effect throughout clinics around the world. Having a pacemaker herself, she has been involved with a number of groups associated with Heart Disease, including Camp Odayin, Heartbeat International. She is involved with GE's Girls Program, and sits on the Board of Directors of GE's GLBTA for the Milwaukee Hub.



### **Mike Payne**

#### **Commercial Account Executive - R&R Insurance Services, Inc.**

**Why he won:** Since joining R&R Insurance, Mike has dived into his new role despite being new to the industry, exceeding all professional goals set for him, as well as getting involved internally by joining the Lean Committee in reducing excess costs for the company. His community involvement includes chairing the Waukesha County Business Alliance's Economic Development Policy Committee, where he researched and benchmarked the county's economic metrics with comparable counties to identify ways to better advance Waukesha County. He is a member of the Alliance's Policy Board, the City of Waukesha Plan Commission and the Waukesha County Airport Operations Commission, and is currently running for Waukesha County Board in District 19.



### **Justin Pinkalla**

#### **Strategic Accounts Manager - Terex Corporation**

**Why he won:** Justin grew up on a farm and was adept at fixing equipment. After high school, he joined DUECO (now Terex) to use his skills to build and repair trucks. He began setting career goals for reaching certain roles in the organization; meeting and exceeding each. He was instrumental in redeveloping the work process for a more efficient workflow on the floor. Justin is closely involved with the local Humane Society, where he views himself as the head of maintenance, involving vendors and teammates in a number of projects that improve the facility for the staff and animals. He is also a point person for the Upper Midwest Great Dane Rescue organization.



The five winners will receive their awards at the Emerging Leaders of Waukesha County awards breakfast on **Friday, May 13, 2016** at the Marriott Milwaukee West in Pewaukee.

Registration for the program is now open through the Alliance's [website](#) or by calling 262-542-4249.

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