

December 21, 2015

## Forty-under-40 Selection Committee

Please accept this recommendation of Alex Broderick for selection into the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Forty-under-40 class. Alex is a shining star. When I first met Alex he came to my office in June of 2010 for a job interview. Alex and his girlfriend were planning to move back home to Iowa after college and some entry level jobs in the Twin Cities. Alex made a connection with me through a colleague of mine living and working in Minneapolis. Even though we did not have an open position for Alex I told our company President we had to hire this "kid". Before Alex could leave our parking lot I was outside offering him a position at Terrus Real Estate Group. Alex made a big impression.

Since that first meeting I have grown more impressed with Alex. Alex is the son of Tim and Teresa Broderick who both live and work in Waukee. Tim and Alex' brother Chase operate a Century Farm and Teresa is the Principal's Secretary at Waukee South Middle School. Alex has strong roots in our community, an understanding of hard work and a sense of responsibility. These are characteristics that set him apart from the crowd.

You can review his resume, his personal and professional accomplishments and civic contributions and none of them will tell you the story of the Alex I know. In the Fall of 2015 Alex took the Power Soccer Team he coaches to a tournament in Nebraska. This is a big job, the logistics of travelling with several wheelchair bound young people, the logistics of getting in the tournament and the challenge of funding were challenges Alex faced so these young people could have a chance to experience athletic competition. Monday following the tournament Alex could not contain his joy telling story after story of each player and how much they enjoyed the experience. There was never a word about what it meant to him, it was all about the players. Helping others, being an impetus for positive change was what was important. This attitude carries forward everyday in Alex' life.

Alex is a leader in every way, whether it is with a group of friends, a charitable project, at work or in the community Alex leads and others follow. Endorsing Alex is easy, he has done all the hard work.

Sincerely,

John A. Bergman