



Forty Under 40 Selection Committee,

Please accept the letter as my official nomination for the 2016 Forty Under 40 recognition. My name is Dan Gehlbach (age 38) and I am nominating myself as a successful small business owner that always looks to serve and give back to our community.

I currently am the Center Director of Mathnasium Learning Center located in West Des Moines. I am also the franchise owner and President. Since opening our doors 5 years ago we have helped hundreds of students and families to reach their full potential both inside and outside the classroom. Despite opening during a recession and being the first and still only Mathnasium in our market, we have seen steady growth over the years and have consistently been in the top 10% of North American centers as well as received several franchisee awards for service. I manage all activities of the business including a staff of 12 instructors, lead instructors, and an Assistant Center Director.

The true test of our impact has been the overwhelming positive comments and feedback from students, parents, and teachers over the years. These serve as a testament to the life changing effect we can make on young people by increasing confidence and allowing them to reach their full potential.

In addition to the positive effect on young people I have the opportunity to see everyday at work, I also continue to look for ways to stay involved in serving our community. I currently serve on the Waukee Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. I have also been an active member of the West Des Moines Chamber and am a 2013 graduate of the West Des Moines Leadership Academy. I then served for 2 years on their board's curriculum committee. I was part of the most recent Waukee School Board's Boundary Committee and am currently heading up the corporate donations for the Walnut Hills Elementary inaugural fundraising fun run event. I also will run again for Waukee School Board after a narrow defeat in the last election.

I continue to serve my church at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines and now in Waukee. I have served as small group leader for several semesters of Alpha courses and have served for years in children's ministry as a Sunday School Leader. I also volunteered with the transition Hope Waukee made to its new home last October.

My education background includes and a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from Arizona State University and an undergraduate business degree from the University of Kansas. As a former internal auditor I have also received my Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) designation from the Institute of Internal Auditors.

My unique background as a business owner as well as my extensive civic involvement would make me an ideal representative of the Business Record's Forty Under 40 for 2016. I look forward to your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information.

Sincerely,

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