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**Re: Recommendation for Christy Jones**

Forty under 40 panel-

I have had the good fortune of knowing Christy Jones for a number of years, both professionally and as a friend. During that time, I have watched Christy excel at her position as Estimator and Sales Manager at R Jones Collision 1, a family company her father started over 40 years ago. Last year, I watched Christy purchase the company from her father, continuing the family tradition. R Jones is known for their impeccable quality of work, their integrity and their involvement in the community. I own a mechanical auto repair shop, and we are thankful to provide our customers with a body shop that we can trust completely.

Five years ago, Christy approached us with the idea of offering a free class to women relating to auto repair and what to do in case of an accident. The class has been a benefit to the community, and has spun off into a winter driving version, as well as a teen class that is open to boys and girls, and their parents. We’ve received numerous compliments regarding the class, and have been featured on the local radio and television stations.

I’m also aware that Christy contributes to many non-profit organizations both financially, and through volunteerism. However, I only hear about this through other people, Christy rarely talks about her philanthropic work. She has also held numerous board positions in organizations such as the Johnston Community School Foundation and Secretary of the Iowa Collision Repair Association.

I have a lot of respect for Christy, and her contributions to our community. She excelled in an industry that is traditionally male dominated, while still being an advocate and leader outside of her career. I believe that she represents the ideal Forty Under 40 honoree.

Sincerely,

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