



Business Record Forty Under 40
Selection Committee

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter and attachments as application for recognition in the 2017 Forty Under 40 Class. I am applying for the second year in a row and this will be my last as I will turn 40 later this year. I would be honored to be included with such an elite group of leaders in our community.

Along with my attached resume that details my unique business background and civic leadership, you will also find a series of recommendations and testimonials my small business has received over the years. I am my own boss and do not have C-level executives to write lengthy recommendations on my behalf. But I do have many happy parents that have provided unsolicited feedback on how my business has had a positive and often dramatic impact on their children's lives.

For the past six and a half years I have successfully grown Mathnasium of West Des Moines to be one of the top performing franchisees in the nation. We have helped hundreds and hundreds of kids from our community become better people by providing a unique service of supplemental math education. We have unlocked a passion for mathematics while improving not only grades, but confidence and self-esteem.

I also continue to be heavily involved with non-profit organizations focused on children, my community, and church. I currently serve on two non-profit boards (Waukee Schools Foundation and Waukee Chamber of Commerce), continue my volunteering at my church as well as volunteer for the PTO at my children's school. In addition, my business sponsors scholarships for at-risk students, donates to various school fundraising events, and have participated in STEM related school events. I have also had the great opportunity to run for the School Board in Waukee after serving on their Boundary Committee. I lost the election in 2015 but look forward to a successful run in 2017. I have a passion for public education and ensuring the Waukee School District continues its success during its rapid growth.

Thank you again for your consideration and please feel free to follow-up with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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