

January 13, 2017

40 Under 40 Selection Committee
Business Publications Corporation
100 4th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Dear Selection Committee,

It is my honor to strongly recommend Chase Young for selection as a 2017 40 Under 40 honoree.

Chase has progressed through his career as an entrepreneur, educator, nonprofit professional, volunteer leader, and mentor to youth in our community. In his current role as Director of United Way's Education Leadership Initiative (ELI), Chase rallies central Iowa professionals to donate their money, time, and talents to help middle school youth succeed academically and personally. Under his leadership, ELI has grown to over 750 members, annually raising over one million dollars to support this important work.

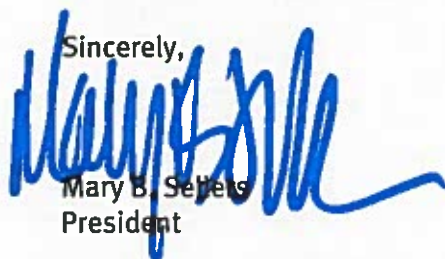
Before coming to United Way in June 2013, Chase was Community Schools Coordinator for Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS). In this role, he marshaled community-wide support to ensure the success of youth from Des Moines' lower-income neighborhoods in the North High feeder school network. He built partnerships between DMPS and nonprofits, businesses, service organizations, and civic groups.

In the community, Chase has just recently completed his term as president of the Johnston Rotary Club, serves on the North High and Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates advisory boards, and volunteers for the Children's Cancer Connection. Chase is a proud graduate and past curriculum committee member of the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute, where he continues to make connections with alumni.

In addition to his strong commitments as a nonprofit leader and volunteer, he operates a small business to rehabilitate distressed properties so that families may purchase safe, clean, affordable homes.

Chase Young makes outstanding, exemplary contributions to our community. His entrepreneurial spirit, positive energy and commitment to youth will pay dividends for generations to come. Please honor Chase's life and work by selecting him for the prestigious 40 Under 40 recognition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary B. Sellers".

Mary B. Sellers
President