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To: The Selection Committee

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From: Rob Denson, DMACC President

It is my honor to recommend that Nick Hansen be considered for the Forty Under Forty Class of 2018. Through my interactions with Nick, both professional and philanthropic, I have become to know him and appreciate his passion in helping others as well as his energy and talent as it relates to business and community service.

Nick has a proven State and National record of a high level of professionalism and is passionate for advancing STEM careers and helping to make a difference in the lives of those under-represented. He'd be a great choice for this year's class.

Nick and I work together with a national organization, STEMconnector, whose focus is to partner business and education to close the skills gap and help students realize their STEM potential leading to high-paying, in-demand jobs across the country, as well as right here in the Des Moines Metro and Iowa. He is seen as a true leader in that work.

Nick has also worked with Des Moines Central Campus as a mentor to students who are pursuing a STEM career, allowing them to career-shadow in his office to see STEM in full effect. Nick also serves on the Business Partner Advisory Committee for Waukee APEX, where his firm, DLR Group, hosts 30 students daily in their office where he, again, donates his time to mentorship.

The qualities mentioned above are just a few of the reasons that I asked Nick to join the DMACC Community Engagement Committee last year as we developed a new recreation and student center. This committee is comprised of civic leaders, community members and stakeholders for the purpose of strategic planning and on-going support of DMACC's new Trail Point Wellness and Aquatic Center. Throughout the entire process Nick has helped brand, market, and even help name one of the finest buildings on our Campus as well as a jewel for the Ankeny Community.

Nick's involvement on the Community Engagement Committee is only one of many ways that he has volunteered his time and had an impact in Central Iowa. DMACC, along with many other organizations, both locally and nationally, stand behind Nick in recommendation for this honor and I hope that you will too.

Thanks.

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