



December 4, 2019

Selection Committee
Forty Under 40
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100 SW Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Committee Members:

It is my pleasure to write in behalf of Susan Metheny, a nominee for consideration as a member of the 2019 Forty Under 40 Class. Susan would make a great addition to the class and I hope she will be selected.

Susan has been involved with our organization, ABI, for many years. I first met her years ago when she was an executive with Seneca Companies. Susan was a frequent attendee at ABI meetings and was a leader on ABI committees. We were thrilled when we were able to continue to be able to work with her when she joined Des Moines Area Community College.

Her work at DMACC has been varied and important. Susan was a key player in development of ABI's Elevate Iowa initiative that seeks to build Iowa's trained workforce. Her leadership in so many areas; from creating and launching online tools, to promoting college engagement, to grant-based marketing campaigns, and to much more has been absolutely vital to Elevate's success.

Susan is very involved in the Greater Des Moines community. And, she is a terrific person. I hope you will include her in the Forty Under 40 Class. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Ralston'.

Michael Ralston
President