

January 8, 2019

Dear Selection Committee:

I would like to express my support for the nomination of Emily Schettler for the 2019 Forty Under 40 Awards. I have collaborated with Emily since she started working for The Harkin Institute at Drake University as their Communications Strategist. As the archivist for the papers of Senator Tom Harkin, I work most closely with Emily on social media and marketing projects as well as events. She always goes out of her way to make sure that the Archives is included and represented in all aspects of the institute's programming and projects.

Emily is extremely thoughtful and helpful -- a true team player. I especially admire the way she interacts with our student employees at The Harkin Institute. The events she plans run smoothly and are well-received, yet she always makes sure that students are involved and have a meaningful experience as well. I would characterize Emily as an out of the box thinker who is always brainstorming new ideas for programming and research to share with our growing audience. Since she has come to The Harkin Institute, I truly feel that we have become more ingrained in the community.

In addition to her work, Emily also takes time out of her busy schedule to volunteer as a mentor with Everybody Wins! Iowa's Power Read program. The program was brought to Iowa in 2002 after Senator Tom Harkin participated in an Everybody Wins! program in Washington, DC and knew it could benefit children in his home state. The Power Read program matches a student with a volunteer reading mentor who reads with the student once a week. Not only do the students acquire a positive attitude about reading, but they also gain a role model in their mentor. Her volunteer service a fitting way to honor the legacy of the founder of our institute, while demonstrating her desire to improve the lives of others. I can only imagine that she shares her excitement for learning new things and natural curiosity with her young reading partner.

I wholeheartedly endorse the nomination of Emily Schettler for the 2019 Forty Under 40 Awards. There is no candidate more deserving.

Sincerely,



Hope Bibens
University & Political Papers Archivist, Drake University



January 11, 2019

Forty Under 40 Selection Committee
c/o The Business Record
The Depot at Fourth
100 4th Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Selection Committee,

It is a privilege to nominate Emily Schettler for Forty Under 40. I have known Emily as a friend and colleague for a few years now and I consider her a trusted, lifelong friend. I consider Emily a natural ambassador and embodiment of the highest character we consider truly Iowan. Emily is a selfless team player to work with. She has an innate ability to inspire others through her words and deeds. This not only comes out in her professional work, in which she is uniquely gifted, but also in how she lives her life day to day.

In the time I have known Emily I have been impressed with her commitment, sound judgment and eagerness to help others. She is also respected for her thorough consideration to myriad opinions and ideas. Not only does Emily give her all to her work for our global community and its leaders, but she is also a strong leader in her own right. Her involvement in Everybody Wins as reading mentor, her active mentorship and leadership for Drake students, and her dedication to cycling and the environment in the greater Des Moines area are just the tip of the iceberg for why she has impacted our community outside of work. Emily even gives back to her alma mater through her work with journalism students, which means that she is modeling good professional and personal behavior to those wanting to follow in her footsteps.

I admire Emily's passion for Greater Des Moines and believe that she should be recognized for his tireless work to make it, and us, shine. It is for that and many other reasons that Emily Schettler is a true star that would never seek recognition or notoriety, but is seen by countless numbers as a standout in our community.

Sincerely,

Joseph Jones
Executive Director