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Forty Under 40
Business Record
100 4th Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to nominate Alex Duong to the 2015 class of the Forty Under 40.

Alex and his family immigrated to Iowa when he was a child. He didn't speak English when he arrived. I can't imagine how intimidating that must have been for Alex as a young boy. But Alex didn't shy away from the challenges of learning a new language and familiarizing himself with a new culture. He embraced them.

Alex did well enough academically in high school to be accepted to Drake University. While in high school Alex didn't just spend time learning English and studying; he also got involved. He was the Yearbook Editor-In-Chief and was elected Student Body President.

He graduated from Drake in 2012, and is already making his mark in the Greater Des Moines area. Through his role as a Marketing and Communications Coordinator at Mediacom he has been involved in countless events in the Greater Des Moines area. He has also been involved in the Greater Des Moines Young Professionals Connection, where he has served as an Ambassador, was named the 2013 Marketing Committee's Person of the Year, and will be the 2015 Co-Chair of their Professional Development Committee. Alex is also a member of the Ingersoll LIVE Committee. The Des Moines Register and Juice Magazine have spotlighted him as one of their Young Professionals of the Week.

I believe Alex would be a valuable addition to the 2015 class of the Forty Under 40. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information that would further his candidacy.

Sincerely,

/s/ Charles Schneider

Charles M. Schneider
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