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Forty Under 40 Panel
Business Record
The Depot at 4th
100 4th St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

Forty Under 40 Panel,

I am writing to recommend Collin R. Barnes for the 2015 Forty Under 40 program. I believe that Collin's career achievements and community involvement make her an outstanding candidate for this award.

As you can see from her resume, Ms. Barnes has a great deal of professional experience in Central Iowa and across the State. I had the privilege to work with Collin in 2009 during the remodel of our office located in Capital Square. Collin represented herself and her firm with a great deal of professionalism. She showed great mindfulness for our how staff used their current office and took that into consideration when designing the new space. Her involvement in our office lives on as office staff evolves and changes take place. She is always quick to respond when we need her assistance.

Collin also has a great deal of involvement within the community. She has been and remains to be involved in many Iowa associations including the Center on Sustainable Communities, the Young Professionals Connection of Great Des Moines, the United States Green Building Council, and the International Interior Design Association.

Collin is an excellent candidate for this award. I am certain you will find Collin's credentials and experience included in her resume and application will support this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica A. Reinert".

Jessica A. Reinert, Hon. AIA Iowa, CAE, IOM

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January 6th, 2015

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Business Record Forty Under 40 Candidate

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is with great respect that I am writing this letter of recommendation for Collin Barnes. As the Immediate Past President of the Great Plains Chapter of the International Interior Design Association, I have had the pleasure to personally work with Collin over the past 2 years, as she holds a position on our Great Plains Board of Directors as our Vice President of Student Affairs. The Great Plains Chapter of IIDA is comprised of 3 City Centers and 5 Campus Centers throughout Iowa and Nebraska, and is made up of 136 Professional, Industry, and Associate members, and 74 Students.

Collin is responsible for leadership and organization of events and programs at all Student Campus Centers throughout the Chapter. These duties include recommendation and supervision of a Student Liaison at each Student Campus Center in which she provides monthly reports to the Chapter Board of Directors. She is responsible for communications and assistance to each of them as well.

Collin has been an active member of our organization since 2008, serving as an Associate member while gaining work experience and a Professional member since 2012. She has also served on the Committee at the Des Moines City Center level as the Communications Chair from 2010-2012.

Collin's passion for education and leadership has been evident since her first year of Undergraduate school at Iowa State University, where she became a member of the Interior Design Student Association, and remained actively involved throughout her tenure at Iowa State. She now serves on the Advisory Council for the Iowa State College of Interior Design.

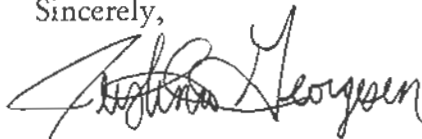
While on the Professional Board since August of 2013, Collin has shown excellent leadership skills as she has personally attracted several new Student Members to our organization. She volunteers and manages her time with us while also belonging to the USGBC and COSC (Center on Sustainable Communities). She also volunteers for Wildwood Hills Ranch, which is a non-profit organization in Madison County that offers a free summer camp program to at-risk youth. She works with kids to foster leadership, teamwork, and build character.

The contributions Collin has made to IIDA along with her integrity, drive, and passion to service her community makes her an excellent candidate for the Forty Under 40 Award.

If you have any additional questions, I can be reached at the following email address:

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Sincerely,



Justina Georgesen, IIDA

Immediate Past President of the Great Plains Chapter

January 8, 2015



Selection Committee
Des Moines Business Record's 16th Annual Forty Under 40

This letter recommends Ms. Collin Barnes for your consideration as one of the Des Moines Business Record's 16th Annual Forty Under 40. Collin started with our firm as a summer intern while she was attending Iowa State University and then returned as a full time employee from January 2007 until June 2008. Collin was a wonderful addition to our team as an intern interior designer, bringing talent and enthusiasm to all of her projects. While with our firm she was involved in all aspects of design, focusing on interior design and graphic design.

When Collin returned to Iowa she found a home with RDG Planning and Design and rapidly became an integral part of their design practice. She is a shareholder and Corporate Focus Market Leader. Collin is also Chair of the Design Learning Community, a group of employees dedicated to maintaining design excellence at RDG.

Collin and her husband Josh have a two year old son, Truman. In addition to spending time with her family, Collin finds time to give back to her community as a Volunteer / Donor to Wildwood Hills Ranch and other organizations. She also continues to be active in leadership positions in other community and industry organizations.

Collin is a talented designer and dedicated leader within her firm and the community. It is without hesitation that I recommend her for inclusion in this year's class of outstanding young professionals.

Best regards,

Dekker/Perich/Sabatini

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrea Hanson", is positioned below the firm name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

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January 6, 2015

2015 Business Record's 16th Annual 40 Under 40 Awards
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Dear Awards Committee Members:

It is a great pleasure for me to write this letter in support of Ms. Collin Barnes' nomination to the 40 Under 40 Awards for 2015. I have known Ms. Barnes since her undergraduate days (2001-2006) at Iowa State University. We stayed in touch during her employment with Dekker/Perich/Sabatini with headquarters in Albuquerque, New Mexico and now with RDG Planning & Design in Des Moines, IA where she is the Corporate Focus Market Leader as an Interior Designer. Currently, she is serving on the Interior Design Advisory Council in our College of Design at ISU.

Ms. Barnes was a stellar student and she continued to be an exceptional designer, one who serves not only her field but community as well. She serves her profession selflessly: She is on the Board of Directors of IIDA as the VP of Student Affairs and as a Professional Member and she has been a National Member of the US Green Building Council since 2008 among her many services.

Collin Barnes is a rising star who has been recognized with prestigious awards among which are Interior Design Excellence Award for Sustainable Environments and Distinction for Corporate Identity. Her resume speaks to her high achievements and extraordinary services.

Ms. Barnes was invited by the Interior Design Department to serve on its Advisory Council. This is an honor bestowed by the department to individuals who are accomplished and are outstanding leaders in their fields to advise the faculty and the students on the current design issues, which would impact the curriculum of the student designers. Interior Design faculty has been enjoying the invaluable input, astute observations and most welcomed recommendation from Collin Barnes. It is, especially, for this reason that I feel Collin Barnes, as young accomplished designer, is most worthy of the Award 40 Under 40.

I recommend her highly!

Sincerely,

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January 9, 2015

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing to recommend Collin Barnes for the Forty Under 40 Award. Collin was a coworker of mine during my internship at RDG Planning & Design and we continue to work together in the International Interior Design Association, a professional networking and education Association. In addition, she has been my mentor throughout my entire career and a great friend.

Collin is talented, inspiring, and extremely competent in her profession, and has an excellent rapport with people of all ages. During my internship at RDG, Collin worked directly with me and patiently taught me the tools of the trade. Her knowledge and experience helped me immensely during my career, and she has motivated me to become an exceptional Interior Designer like herself.

In summary, I highly recommend Collin for the Forty Under 40 Award. Her leadership and mentoring would make her an ideal recipient.

Sincerely,

Abbey Potthoff