



January 5, 2015

Business Record
40 Under 40 Selection Committee
100 Fourth Street
Des Moines IA 50309

RE: Brian Schwartz

Dear Selection Committee Members:

Professional. Engaged. Generous. These are ways to describe Brian Schwartz, a candidate for recognition as a 2015 *Business Record Forty under Forty* honoree. I have known Brian for four years and I enthusiastically submit this letter on his behalf.

Professional. Brian's resume demonstrates his commitment to preparing for and excelling in a career in architecture. In addition to earning an Architecture degree with honors from Iowa State University, Brian recently achieved certification as licensed architect. His work with several prominent Central Iowa firms has lasting impact through many regional corporate and collegiate campuses, residences and business buildings.

Engaged. I first met Brian when he was assisting my Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute class as an alumni volunteer. He is the type of person that is concerned about the quality of each person's experience. He is interested in people and what they do and is quick to identify connections and common interests. *He is the type of person that keeps the Des Moines Metro thriving.* In fact, he continues to engage with the GDMLI as a Project Coach.

Generous. Brian gives generously of his time and talent, recognizing the generosity of others that has benefited him. He uses his professional background to benefit professional and neighborhood organizations. He supports the development of Central Iowa leaders through the GDMLI. He is also a generous husband and father – traits he shares with new parents through Mercy's Boot Camp for New Dads.

I am fortunate to know and work with Brian and am honored to submit this recommendation on his behalf. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Dear 40 Under 40 Selection Committee,

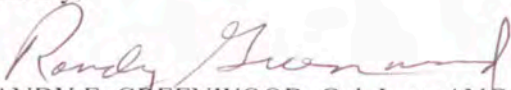
I have served in command positions in the Iowa Air National Guard for 19 years, currently as the Vice Wing Commander. During my 13 years commanding various maintenance organizations, I had the distinct honor to serve with Brain Schwartz.

It is with great conviction that I recommend Brian for inclusion in the next class of 40 Under 40. During his time with the Iowa Air National Guard, he rose to the top of his enlisted class as a dedicated, professional warrior-maintainer, as well as peer mentor and leader. His superior performance began immediately as he achieved Distinguished Graduate status at technical training, graduating with a ninety-eight percentile, and continued with his selection as the Maintenance Squadron Airman of the Year for 1999 & 2000.

Brain can speak with confidence as part of the one percent that selflessly serve their country as he volunteered for a contingency deployment to Al Jaber AB, Kuwait in July 2001, where he participated in our unit performing at the highest level in extremely austere conditions. His contributions continued, contributing to the 132d Maintenance Group being recognized with the Maintenance Effectiveness Award as the Best Aircraft Maintenance Group in the Air National Guard for 2004.

Brain Schwartz's commitment to service lives on with his participation in numerous community leadership development opportunities, while he continues to grow as a young professional. I am confident his contributions will add great value to this upcoming Class of 40 Under 40.

Sincerely,


RANDY E. GREENWOOD, Col, Iowa ANG
Vice Commander, 132d Wing

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Jason Swanson
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Dear Jason and Forty Under 40 Selection Committee,

Please accept this letter as the highest recommendation for Brian Schwartz. Brian is an excellent candidate to receive the 2015 Business Record's Forty Under 40 honor as he has demonstrated excellent professional achievement as well as a dedication to our community through his volunteer involvement.

I had the pleasure of meeting Brian as a fellow member of the 2010 Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute (GDMLI) class. If Brian's enthusiasm for the class didn't catch my attention, his outgoing personality and ability to connect with people definitely did. Throughout the class, Brian's civic-mindedness was always evident in how he approached the material presented about our community along with his involvement in the class project, Give Back Des Moines. To no surprise, Brian has continued his involvement with GDMLI and is the Project Coach for this year's Greater Des Moines Leadership Community Leadership Program.

Along with his volunteer endeavors, Brian has excelled in his profession as well. Becoming a fully licensed architect, Brian has shown his commitment to his craft. More impressive to me is when Brian chose to shift his career he stayed true to himself and followed a less obvious path to a more fulfilling position at Baker Group. Brian's steadfastness to his profession is an enviable trait and is what helps make him successful when working with clients along with his approachable demeanor.

I also feel fortunate to now have Brian dedicate his time the past two years to serve on the volunteer committee for the Celebrate Iowa Gala, which supports the exhibits, educational offerings and projects of the State Historical Society of Iowa, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. Brian's energy and fresh ideas contributed to the success of this year's gala, which raised more than \$163,000.

Brian's dedication and drive to achieve excellence in his profession and to make the community a better place in a selfless manner are what set him apart from many. He is a true servant leader and most deserving of receiving the 2015 Forty Under 40 honor.

Best Regards,



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