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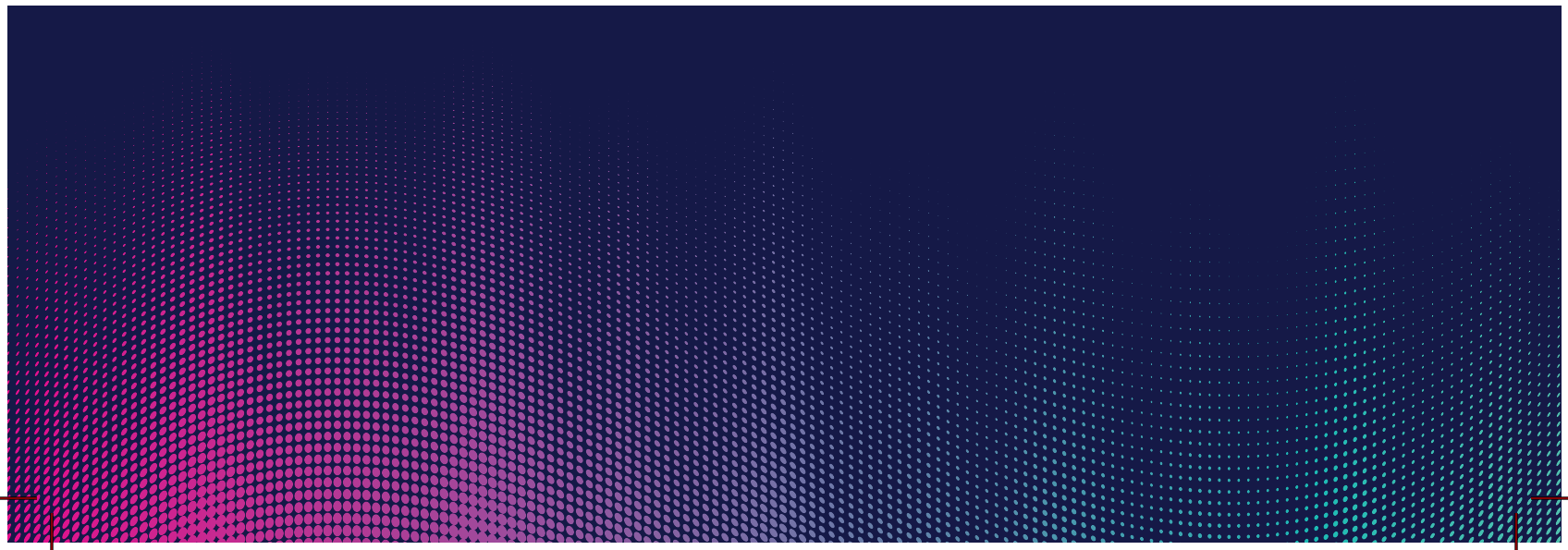
The Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce 40 Under 40 was created to identify young professionals who are center stage in Kankakee County. These individuals consistently work hard to drive the economy and demonstrate dynamic leadership, leaving an impression on all generations.

These individuals were nominated and selected based on their dedication to making a positive change in our community. These movers and shakers go above and beyond to excel at their profession, give back to the community and share their passion for Kankakee County.

This is a pivotal time in history. Our future as a community will depend on a new generation of leaders who will point our community in the right direction. The Chamber is proud to honor these young professionals who are vested in making and leaving a lasting impact on Kankakee County.

The Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)6 non-profit corporation comprised of local businesses, organizations, and individuals sharing the goal of improving prosperity and building a better community. The Chamber is committed to creating a strong community and encouraging a positive business climate to the 400+ members by providing essential resources, training, and networking opportunities.

The Chamber is honored to recognize the 40 Under 40 Class of 2020.



Allison Ascher

Allison Ascher is a top producing realtor with Coldwell Banker Realty since 2013 and has helped more than 500 families find their dream home! She loves being able to share in the pride and joy of homeownership with residents of the Kankakee County area!

Allison is skilled in digital and print marketing and has a keen insight into current market conditions. Each real estate transaction comes with its own challenges, and she loves problem solving, to get to the closing table.

Allison is an active member of her church, Grace Baptist in Kankakee, and coaches high school cheerleading at Grace Christian Academy. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Olivet Nazarene University. Allison lives in St. Anne with her husband, Tim, and 2-year-old daughter, Ellie.



Brad Benoit

Brad Benoit is a Kankakee native with a background in small business as his family owns Benoit Greenhouses. In addition, Brad's experience includes non-profit development, education administration, warehouse management, and the performing arts. Brad has worked in more than 15 states and abroad in Italy.

With developed skills in marketing, budgeting, planning, scheduling and public speaking, Brad hit the ground running ready to use the vast skill set to help the businesses in the City of Kankakee. Building positive relationships, finding, and executing solutions to problems, as well as creating opportunities for the development of the City is the kind of work he has set to accomplish.

Brad is honored to be part of the Class of 2020 40 Under 40!





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- Allison Ascher, Coldwell Banker
- Brad Benoit, Economic & Community Development Agency, City of Kankakee
- Caleb Benoit, Connect Roasters
- Emily Bertrand, Bourbonnais Elementary School District
- Megan Campbell, Collective Balance Counseling
- Claire Chaplinski, Chaplinski Law Firm
- Joia Crossley, Kankakee School District
- Michael Curren, Kankakee Area YMCA
- Dr. Jose da Silva, Kankakee Community College
- Grant Girard, Girard's Ace Hardware & Furniture
- Frank Hasik IV, Kankakee Township Fire Protection District
- Jason Hastings, Reliable Oil and Tire Center
- Krystal Hiser, RN, MSN, OAK Orthopedics
- Jason Johnson, Olivet Nazarene University
- Heidi Justice, AMITA Health St. Mary's Kankakee
- Brandi Kaner, AMITA Health St. Mary's Kankakee
- Jonathan Keigher, Urban Farmer
- Ashley Landers, Meijer
- Tara Latz, Village of Bourbonnais
- Johanna Linman, Linman Family McDonalds

- Brittany Longtin, Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Ryan Marion, Village of Manteno
- Jon McNeill, R&M Property Management and Village of Cabery
- Travis Miller, community activist
- Beth Nunley, Kankakee Community College
- Tyler Pallissard, Cigna Healthcare
- Eric Peterson, Project Headspace and Timing
- Dr. Nicholas Rossi, Riverside Healthcare
- Kerstin Rust, United Way of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties
- Lauren Ashley Rybolt, VanDrunen Farms
- Tevor Santor, Adventure Commons
- Chad Scanlon, Village of Herscher Police Department
- Matthew Schore, AN Weber Inc.
- Rachel Schramm, Economic & Community Development Agency, City of Kankakee
- Alexandra Shuell, Gardant Management Solutions
- Jackie Tingley, Bourbonnais Elementary School District
- Sarah Viall, Country Financial
- Dr. Aditi Vyas, Riverside Healthcare
- Jessica Wright, Urban Barbershop Co.
- Jamie Zens, Riverside Senior Life Communities

We applaud your hardwork, dedication, and outstanding leadership!



Caleb Benoit

Caleb Benoit is the founder of Connect Roasters, a mission-focused coffee company that supports development efforts in communities both globally and locally. Caleb and his company have been featured by WGN, FOX 32, the Chicago Sun-Times and The Associated Press; and their products are served everywhere from Kankakee County churches to Major League Baseball clubhouses.

Caleb is a graduate of Herscher High School and Olivet Nazarene University. He has worked in journalism, including for the Daily Journal in Kankakee, and in business development and teaching roles in Canada and France.

Caleb and his wife, Cody, are members of One Seven Church in Bradley and reside in Bourbonnais.



Emily Bertrand

Emily Bertrand is in her 13th year of teaching at Alan B. Shepard school in Bourbonnais. Currently she teaches kindergarten to remote students in Bourbonnais School District 53. Emily's passion is to have every child in her class feel loved and supported, especially in their first year of school.

Emily graduated in the spring of 2020 from Erikson Institute with a Masters in Early Childhood with a STEM concentration. She loves to spark children's curiosities with science, robotics, and technology in the classroom. Her future goals are to volunteer in the community and begin presenting at teaching conferences.

Emily was born and raised in Kankakee where she now lives with her husband, Ryan, and her two boys, Merrick and Easton. Her hobbies include relaxing with family and friends, dining out, vacationing and anything Disney has to offer.





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Megan Campbell

Megan Campbell is the Co-owner of Collective Balance Counseling, LLC, a dynamic group practice in Bourbonnais. Megan lives her passion by supporting positive change through holistic and relational treatment, helping clients become truly aware, living life mindfully with more joy and connection. An integrated mind and body practitioner, board certified art therapist, and licensed clinical counselor, Megan's clinical work is grounded in the latest neuroscience, fueled by creativity and humor, and inspired by awareness of the connections that surrounds each of us.

Megan has served as the president of the Illinois Art Therapy Association and presents locally and nationally on art therapy and the use of art as a way for people to access their creativity to address issues related to trauma, burn-out, and finding balance in an otherwise hectic life. She strives to promote healing and change through the use of creative techniques.

Megan is passionate about bringing highly specialized consulting and treatment options to Kankakee county.



Claire Chaplinski

Claire Chaplinski is an attorney in private practice in Kankakee. She is a graduate of Bishop McNamara High School, Purdue University, and the John Marshall Law School. Claire was appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court's Third District Committee on Character and Fitness on January 1, 2020, by Supreme Court Justice Kilbride.

Claire serves on the KC-CASA board, is the Kankakee County Bar Association vice president, and is the legal counsel for Kankakee Community College. She is a former board member of Hospice of Kankakee Valley and the Riverside Medical Center PULSE Young Professionals Board.

Claire was the recipient of the local Athena Young Professional award in 2019, which is presented to an individual under the age of 40 honored as an emerging leader who demonstrates excellence and initiative in their profession.

Claire and her husband Mike Saineghi have two children, Vera and Lila, and live in Bourbonnais.



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Joia Crossley

Joia Crossley is currently the Assistant Principal at King Middle School in Kankakee. She holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, Master's degrees in Curriculum and Instruction, and Principal Leadership. Prior to her current role she taught elementary education for 9 years and has worked for more than 18 years for the Department of Rehabilitation Services, with children with special needs. Joia has served as an Americorps Vista volunteer, Girl's on the Run sponsor, Kankakee Colts Youth Football volunteer, and Northern Illinois Food Bank Volunteer.

Joia has a special passion for working with children with special needs, as she helped care for her sister Sharae Glower, who had cerebral palsy. She hopes to continue this work to honor and cherish the memory of her sister.

Joia was born and raised in Kankakee. She is the daughter of Pamela and Raymond Glower. Proud mother of a 14 year old, Jaydon Wright. She enjoys traveling, reading, and attending her sons many sporting events.



Michael Curren

Michael Curren is currently the Sports Director at the Kankakee Area YMCA.

Curren was born and raised in Kankakee County. He is a 2007 graduate of Bishop McNamara, then attended Kankakee Community College, Olivet Nazarene University as well as the University of Phoenix, where he studied Education and Athletics. Prior to his current position with the YMCA, Michael was the Physical Education Teacher and Assistant Athletic Director at Aquinas Catholic Academy in Kankakee.

With the YMCA, Michael runs all the Youth and Adult Sports Programs, as well as some Senior Athletic Activities. Over the past 12 years he has voluntarily coached multiple sports and age groups within the area.

Michael enjoys working with the youth, teens, and adults in the community, as well spending time with family, and playing sports with friends. He considers himself blessed to be part of such a great community.



Dr. Jose da Silva

Dr. Jose E. da Silva is an experienced higher education practitioner with a demonstrated history of increasing equity, access, and student success, especially within community college systems.

Dr. da Silva presently serves as the Vice President for Student Affairs at Kankakee Community College, providing leadership for various areas, including: Admissions, Advising, Athletics, Counseling, Disability Support Services, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and Financial Aid, to name a few.

Additionally, Dr. da Silva serves on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties, on the Board of Directors for the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley, and as a member of the City of Kankakee's Citizen Advisory Board.

Dr. da Silva holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration with an emphasis on community college leadership from the University of North Texas, a master's degree in Higher Education Administration with a focus on Student Affairs, and a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Florida State University.

Dr. da Silva lives in Kankakee with his wife Jill and their two-year-old son, Tiago.



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Grant Girard

Grant Girard has worked at his family owned business, Girard's Ace Hardware, Lighting and Furniture in Bourbonnais since the age of 15. As the manager of Girard's Ace Hardware, he spends his days helping homeowners, local businesses, and contractors find their every need. From a new sectional for your living room, to a new grill for your backyard, to finishing off your bathroom renovation or picking out a new light fixture, Grant and his staff can help with it all. Grant enjoys helping customers the most with their home projects and sharing his very own DIY experiences.

Grant graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 2009 with a degree in Construction Management and Business.

Grant lives in Aroma Park with his wife, Angela, and their very spoiled dog, Harry. Grant can only attribute Girard's Ace success in their 29th year to their wonderful customers who continually support their local hardware store, especially during the pandemic.



Frank Hasik IV

Frank Hasik serves as the Fire Chief for the Kankakee Township Fire Protection District.

Hasik began his fire service career in 2006, rapidly rising through the ranks to be the youngest fire chief in Kankakee County's history, at the age of 26. He has employed more than 50 people in his six-year tenure as Chief, and has graduated more than 180 through the county Fire Academy, serving as the Education Director since 2011.

Frank also serves as a nationally certified K-9 handler for the Cook, Will, Dupage, Grundy and Kankakee Counties. He is also currently employed as one of the three internationally certified arborists for the City of Kankakee.



Jason W. Hastings

Jason W. Hastings is the owner and operator of Reliable Oil and Tire Center in Kankakee. He prides his successful family owned business on friendly, fair, honest, steadfast, quality care and customer service.

Jason is married to Jaime Hastings, an RN at AMITA St. Marys. They reside in Limestone with his daughter Trysta Hastings and stepchildren Makenna and Ives Cox.

A graduate of Herscher High School, Jason enjoys being able to give back to his community through his seat on Herscher's Community Unit School board, a position he has held since 2015.

Jason also has a passion for dirt track racing that began two generations ago with his grandfather Larry Hastings and father Kevin. Summer nights at the track are a fun, family tradition. Having four modified feature wins at his home track, Kankakee County speedway, made for a solid year.



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Krystal Hiser, RN, MSN

Krystal Hiser began her career as a registered nurse within the local community more than 14 years ago. Inspired by her late grandmother and driven with compassion to care for others, she gained unparalleled experience within the healthcare field. With a desire to provide health services in the local community and improve access for patients, she continued her education, obtaining her Master of Science degree in Nursing Administration.

As the Clinical Director for OAK Orthopedics, Krystal is known for her ability to positively influence others and inspire her team to provide exceptional patient care.

While practice management is her primary role by day, Krystal also loves spending time with her husband and three kids skiing, hiking, and enjoying the outdoors. Additionally, she is an active member at Gathering Point Church, volunteering her time in small group services, Guest Services, Night to Shine, as well as leading Financial Peace University.



Jason Johnson

Jason Johnson is the Director of Finance/ Assistant Controller for Olivet Nazarene University. Jason received his Bachelor of Business Administration in 2008, Master of Business Administration in 2010 from Olivet and his Master of Accounting and Financial Management in 2015 from Keller Graduate School of Management.

Jason is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in the state of Illinois. He serves as the Treasurer for St. George SD# 258, is the Finance Chair for the Salvation Army of Kankakee and is an advisory member for the Finance Committee for Harbor House. He previously served as the Finance Chair for the Kankakee County Board. Jason is an adjunct professor at Olivet where he teaches Accounting and Finance courses.

Jason grew up in Bourbonnais and currently resides in Bradley with his wife Heather and his three children. He is an avid long-distance runner and has completed multiple marathons including 3 Chicago Marathons.



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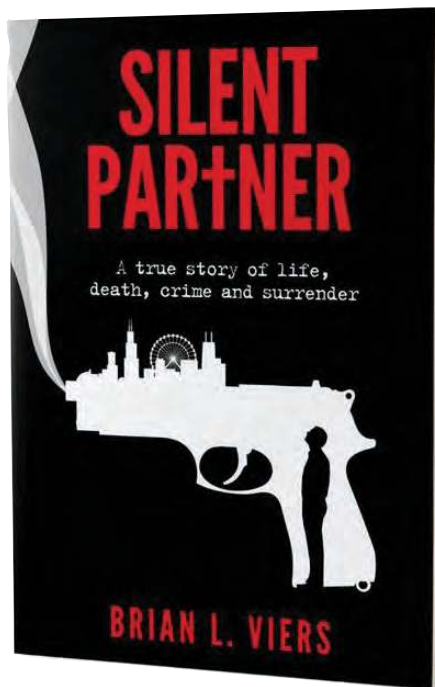
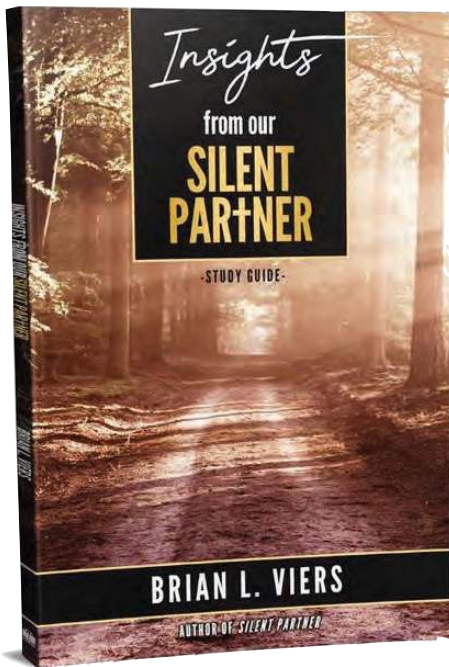
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Heidi Justice

Heidi Justice has been part of the AMITA Health St. Mary's family for the past 12 years. In August of 2019 she was promoted to Patient Access Supervisor. Heidi participates with the AMITA Health St. Mary's Hospital Associate Engagement and Wellness Committee and routinely volunteers with organizing and executing events hosted by the hospital for the associates and medical staff. Heidi also volunteers her time to support community outreach efforts, recently organizing and participating in COVID testing for homeless in early April 2020 during the pandemic.

Heidi attended Kankakee Community College and will graduate from Capella University in December 2021 with her Bachelor's degree in Health Care. She is a recipient of the National Society of Leadership and Success for having a 4.0 grade point average.

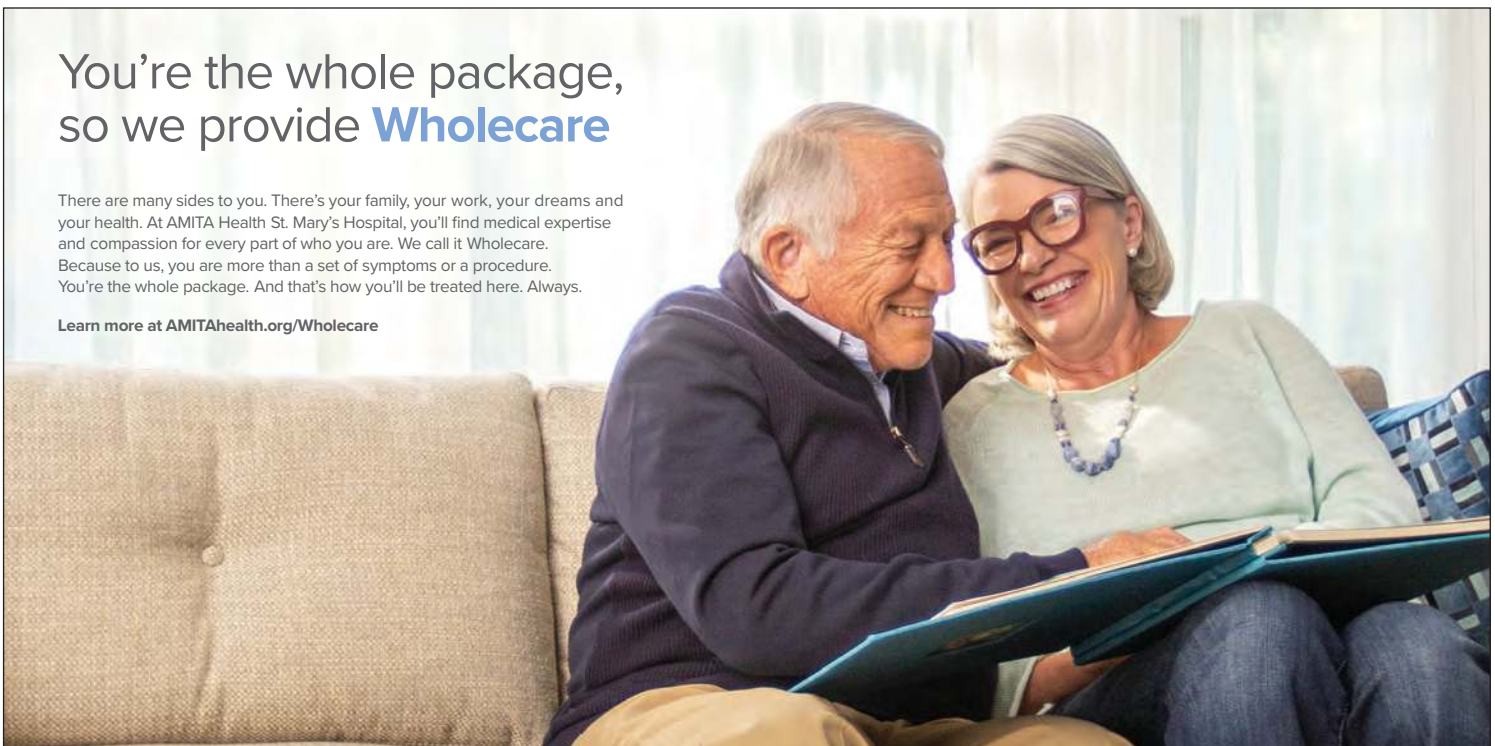
Heidi is a daughter, sister, wife, and mother of 4. Last year she joined Clifton Centrals Running to Remember Scholarship program that honors fallen students in the community. In 2019 Heidi, her husband, and kids were able to award a scholarship in honor of their son/brother that was killed in 2013. Heidi looks forward to being able to honor other fallen students in the coming years.



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Brandi Kaner

Brandi Kaner was born and raised in Kankakee County and resides in Bourbonnais with her husband Mark, their two sons Preston and Bryce and the newest addition to their family, daughter Gianna.

Brandi earned her Associate of Arts degree from Kankakee Community College and her Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Administration from Illinois State University.

Brandi joined the Community Outreach team at AMITA Health St. Mary's Hospital in 2018, beginning her role as Community Relations Coordinator.

Brandi serves, volunteers and partners with many local non-profit groups and agencies such as Options Center for Independent Living, Kiwanis Club of Kankakee, YMCA, Kankakee Alzheimer's Walk Committee and is an Ambassador for the Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce. Brandi is involved with Bishop McNamara Catholic School and Maternity B.V.M. Church serving on the Social Concerns committee.

Brandi strongly believes in Kankakee County and all it has to offer. She is very proud to serve in the community that she and her family call home.



Jonathan B. Keigher

Jonathan Keigher currently works for Urban Farmer in Manteno in the Human Resources department. In this position Jonathan oversees all aspects of human resources management, safety and the life cycle needs for more than 400+ Urban Farmer team members and their dependents.

Jonathan's area of expertise is payroll, HRIS, safety, employee relations, team building, Information Technology and building a best-in-class team culture at Urban Farmer. Before joining Urban Farmer he worked in Customer Service and Marketing at Midwest Transit Equipment.

Jonathan attended Eastern Illinois University studying Corporate Communications with a Minor in Business Management. He is also a member of the Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM).

Jonathan was born and raised in Kankakee County and currently resides in Manteno with his hyperactive energetic two-year-old English Golden Retriever named Brucie.

Jonathan attains great personal satisfaction in helping people and volunteering. He is proud to support and contribute to the advancement of Kankakee County. His passion is driven by servant leadership.



Ashley Landers

Ashley Landers is currently the General Manager / Customer Service Line Leader at the Bradley Meijer. She has served several roles with Meijer over the past 12 years, including being an integral part of four grand opening locations in Urbana, Danville, Sycamore and Bradley. Her roles have varied including General Manager Line Leader, training coordinator, team leader and team member.

Meijer has given Ashley the ability to grow and develop as a leader and see the many different perspectives for opening new stores.

Ashley is very passionate about her work. She says the most rewarding part of her job is inspiring and motivating others while still being able to make a positive difference in the community.



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Tara Latz

Tara Latz was born and raised in Bradley. She graduated from Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School in 2005, then from Illinois State University in 2010 with an integrated Bachelor's and Master's degree in accountancy. Soon after, Tara became a Certified Public Accountant.

After working for 4 years in auditing jobs in both Springfield and Bloomington, Tara made her way back to Kankakee County as a Staff Accountant at the Village of Bourbonnais.

Starting in 2015, Tara rose through the positions of Accounting Supervisor, Assistant Finance Director, and most recently began as Finance Director in December 2019 after the previous director and Tara's mentor, Mike Wolf, retired. Tara's biggest accomplishments in this role include overseeing a village-wide financial system upgrade, helping the village secure a \$5 million bond issue, and budgeting for this fiscal year under uncertain economic conditions due to the global pandemic.



Congratulations

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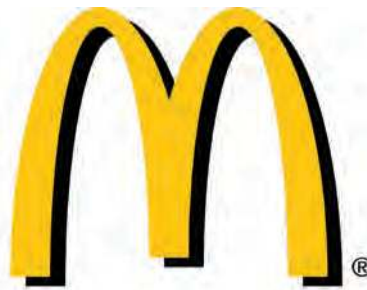


Johanna Linman

Johanna Linman is the Director of Operations for Linman Family McDonald's in Kankakee and Will counties. She is responsible for all things technology for the restaurants as the OTP3 (McDonald's Corporate Operations Technology Professional) in their organization. She enjoys assisting employees sign up for scholarships and loves reviewing customer comments to reward exceptional team members. Johanna would like to thank her co-workers and her bosses for being so supportive and great role models.

Johanna earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Educational Studies with a concentration in Family and Child studies and a minor in Religious Studies from Illinois Wesleyan University.

In her free time, she enjoys watching and writing stand-up comedy; virtually connecting with her nieces and nephew; dressing her puppy, Doris, up like a box of French fries and then going through the McDonald's drive-thru with her McPuppy.



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Brittany Longtin

Brittany Longtin and her husband Daniel have three children, Grace, Kate and Luke. Brittany spent nine years as a teacher within the Manteno and Central School District. Most recently, she was promoted to stay-at-home mom to homeschooling her children.

Brittany is the Vice President of the local Sleep in Heavenly Peace Chapter. It's mission is "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!", providing new beds to children currently sleeping on the floor or experiencing bedlessness. Sleep in Heavenly Peace has provided approximately 520 children in the Kankakee Area with new beds.

Brittany is actively involved in her Church as well as teaching Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University.



Ryan Marion

Ryan Marion, Building Official, works hard for the Village of Manteno - whether it be enforcing village ordinances, issuing permits, or by volunteering his time with the Manteno Police Dept. He prides himself on forming positive working relationships with anyone he comes into contact with and also in the commercial and residential sectors of Kankakee county.

Ryan serves on multiple volunteer boards and committees including The Hazard Mitigation Task Force, Geographic Information System Committee, The Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster Committee.

Ryan is a lifelong resident of Manteno. He worked at Rad Rides by Troy and eventually moved into a construction career. He took the opportunity to join the Public Works Dept with the Village of Manteno and has worked his way up into his current role as Building Official where he has been for 4 years.

Ryan is married to Sarah who also works for the Village of Manteno/Manteno Chamber of Commerce. In his off time, he enjoys exercising, golfing, hot rods, spending time with friends, family, and his dog Maverick.



Jon McNeill

Jon McNeill is the owner of R&M Construction and his passion for the trades has been present from an early age. Jon started his construction company at the age of 16 and his hard work ethic and high expectations has been key to his success. Jon has a great appreciation for all those he has worked with and for through the years, and while most of his projects are in the Kankakee County area, he proudly serves customers throughout Northeastern and East-Central Illinois.

Jon takes great pride as a servant to the small village of Cabery where he actively serves as a volunteer fireman on Cabery's Fire Department, and is also Code Enforcer, on the Park Maintenance Committee, Cabery Day Committee, previous Village Board Trustee, and now the Mayor of Cabery.

Jon resides in Cabery with his wife, Shannon and two children, Ayden and Madison. He feels blessed to be raising their two children in such a wonderful community.



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Past 40 Under 40 recipients, Jim Hanley-Superintendent of Public Works class of 2016, and Sarah Marion, Marketing & Communications Director, class of 2018.

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Travis C. Miller

Travis C. Miller is a lifelong resident of Kankakee. In 2011, he co-founded the Gotta Do Better Organization, which focused on violence reduction and community development. He is a former precinct committeeman. In 2016, Travis led efforts to provide fresh water for citizens of Flint, Michigan. Additionally, he led efforts for Gulf Coast citizens, during the effects of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria.

In 2017, Travis assisted in flood relief efforts for residents throughout Kankakee and Iroquois counties and for the last 15 years, he has provided school supplies and backpacks to district students.

Travis currently sits on the Renewed Opportunity Board of the County Sheriff's Department & Kankakee Citizens Advisory Board. In 2019, he established the Travis C. Miller Excellence in Community Scholarship, for minority students. Travis has been instrumental in leading peaceful Black Lives Matters marches throughout the city, state and nation. He is the son of Marikay Riley-Collins.



Beth Nunley

Beth Nunley serves as a business leader within the Illinois community college system. She joined Kankakee Community College (KCC) in 2011 as director of financial affairs, and since July 2020, has taken a new role to serve as the vice president for business affairs. Nunley's areas of supervision include managing the college's budget and overseeing accounting, purchasing, human resources, information technology services, physical plant operations, and the college bookstore.

Nunley keeps students at the heart of all her decisions. She will continue to drive change at KCC to create environments that enhance student success while continuing to provide affordable educational opportunities for all.

Nunley is a certified public accountant licensed in Illinois. She has an associate degree from Joliet Junior College, a bachelor's degree in accounting from Governors State University, and a master's degree in business administration from Olivet Nazarene University.



Tyler Pallissard

Tyler Pallissard works in clinical claim review for Cigna Health Care. She has been with the company for 11 years in various managerial roles within customer service and claims. Cigna Health Care is an organization that not only prioritizes the health and well-being of their customers and employees, but also the communities it services. As a manager of Cigna, Tyler continues to have the privilege to participate in Cigna's multiple community campaigns such as the United Way and March for Dimes.

On a personal level, Tyler enjoys partnering with organizations that were instrumental in her own development as a child. These organizations include Kankakee County Junior Beef, Manteno Best Pioneers 4-H Club, Bishop McNamara Catholic School and many youth sports organizations. Tyler feels inclined to volunteer in these organizations because they teach youth life skills such as responsibility, leadership, team collaboration and personal drive.

Tyler lives in Manteno and has been married to Andy Pallissard for 13 years. Together they have 4 children and love to stay active and social within their community.



Eric Peterson

Eric Peterson is on a mission to bring veterans together with their communities, nature, and themselves, while affecting change regarding the mental health treatment of his fellow veterans. Peterson is the founder of Project Headspace and Timing, a 501(c)3 organization.

Eric, a graduate of Herscher High School, spent several years in the Middle East between the State Department, Department of Defense, and Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 178th Infantry Regiment of the Illinois Army National Guard.

After his time in the Middle East, he found himself working in Executive Protection and as a private investigator until the suicide of a fellow teammate caused him to quit his former job, go back to school to study psychology, and form Project Headspace and Timing.

Eric's goals are to improve the transitional process for veterans into the civilian world, and to run a transitional tiny home lodging facility and treatment center for veterans.





Dr. Nicholas Rossi

Nick Rossi grew up in Illinois and attended the Illinois Math and Science Academy in Aurora and Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington. He pursued his medical education and neurological surgery training in Indiana and Tennessee, as well as complex spinal surgery training in England.

Nicholas returned to Illinois to join the Riverside neurological surgery team in 2019. His practice focuses primarily on the treatment of spinal disorders and pain.

Nicholas is proud to offer comprehensive minimally invasive spinal treatment options to patients in Kankakee County. Nick, his loving wife and two children enjoy exploring all Kankakee County has to offer, from the local restaurants and farmers' market to walking the trails at Perry Farm Park.



Kerstin Rust

As Executive Director of United Way of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties, Kerstin leads efforts to strengthen local communities by mobilizing thousands of donors and partnering with 78 companies and 22 nonprofit agencies.

She serves as a board member for the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley and United Way of Illinois and is actively engaged with Kankakee County's Partnership for a Healthy Community and Project SUN.

Kerstin began her career at a refugee resettlement organization in Indianapolis, served as an AmeriCorps VISTA and later volunteered abroad in the Republic of Georgia and Kenya.

Prior to United Way, Kerstin managed global programs at Lions Clubs International. She earned a bachelor's degree in International Studies and Political Science from Butler University and a master's degree in Public Service Management from DePaul University.

A life-long explorer, Kerstin enjoys traveling, reading, and trying new foods. She lives in Bourbonnais with her husband and pets.





Lauren Rybolt

Lauren Rybolt is an Account Services Coordinator for Van Drunen Farms, a Cornerstone Church Worship Leader, and the Publicity Director on the Kankakee Valley Theatre Association Board of Directors.

Prior to KVTA, Lauren performed both onstage and in the orchestra for Acting Out Theatre Company. She has volunteered with Feed My Starving Children, Phil's Friends, and The Salvation Army.

Lauren is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University. While there she was an active member of the Green Room Theatre Company and the Student Education Association. She also served on the Mission in Action trip to Argentina.

While enrolled at Kankakee Community College, Lauren completed the Disney College Program as a Kilimanjaro Safari Guide. Additionally, she was a Disney College Program Campus Representative and one of the initial KCC Student Ambassadors.

Lauren lives in Bourbonnais with her husband Kyle.



Trevor Santor

Trevor Santor is from Glendale, Arizona where he attended Grand Canyon University and graduated from Arizona Christian University. He played college baseball at both Universities before moving to Bourbonnais in 2016 to earn his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Olivet Nazarene University.

Trevor was the Assistant Baseball Coach for Olivet Nazarene University (NAIA) from 2016-2018 where he served as the Hitting Coach and Head Strength & Conditioning Coach. In 2019, Trevor served as the Baseball Chaplain.

Trevor is a published Author of a #1 Bestselling Book *Baseball Genesis – Living for Christ through the Game of Baseball*, and Founder of Baseball Genesis.

Trevor currently serves as the Pastor of Discipleship & Sports at Adventure Christian Church. In 2018, Trevor launched the Adventure Athletics Sports Program from scratch, and currently operates multiple leagues and programs as an outreach ministry including: baseball, softball, soccer, flag football, volleyball, and basketball.





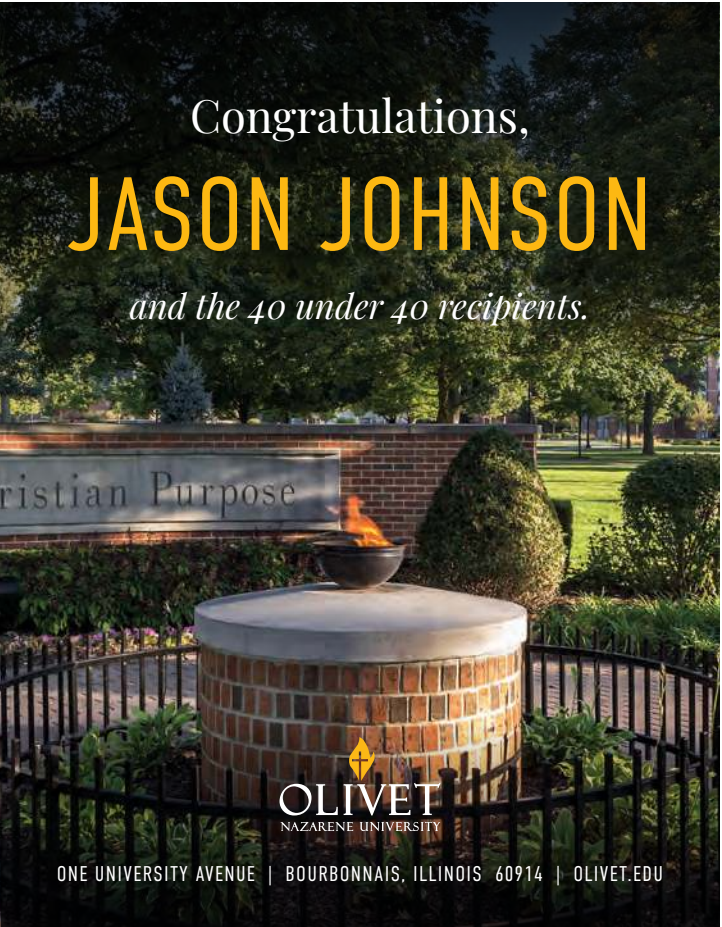
Chad Scanlon

Chad Scanlon is the Chief of Police for the Village of Herscher Police Department. Chad is a 2002 graduate of Herscher High School. After high school Chad enrolled in the Law Enforcement program at Kankakee Community College. He earned an associate degree in applied science from KCC. After attending KCC Chad was hired by the Village of Herscher as a Police Officer.

In the Fall of 2007, Chad began his first day in law enforcement at the Police Training Institute in Champaign. After two years on the job he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, then 15 months later, Chad was promoted to Lieutenant.

Chad served in that capacity until March 1, 2017 when Village President Mayor Raymond Schneider appointed Chad to the position of Chief of Police.

Chad continues to take pride in serving the people of Herscher and the people of Illinois.



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Matthew Schore

Matthew Schore joined A.N. Webber Logistics, Inc. in 2018 as the Director of Business Development. With previous experience at Fortune 500 household goods moving company, Allied Van Lines, Matt was a perfect addition to the team.

Matthew is making a substantial impact in growing sales, on both the fleet and brokerage side of the business. He has successfully brought in significant new clients and revenue while navigating a complex national freight market. He works closely with their operational teams to ensure exceptional account management for clients of all sizes.

In his personal life, Matthew resides in Bourbonnais with his wife Sarah and their two children London and Lincoln. He is an enthusiastic outdoorsman and volunteers with Ducks Unlimited.

A proud Eagle Scout, Matt sits on the Executive Committee Board for Rainbow Council Boy Scouts of America. He is also an active member and golfer at the Kankakee Country Club.



Rachel Schramm

Rachel Schramm is the Community Outreach Coordinator at the Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA) for the City of Kankakee. She is a 2018/2020 graduate from Olivet Nazarene University, completing her B.S. in Public Relations and Strategic Communications with a minor in Legal Studies, as well as her MBA with a nonprofit concentration. Rachel was previously a Graduate Assistant/Adjunct Professor at ONU overseeing their Public Relations program.

Rachel serves as a Chamber Ambassador and chair of the Young Professionals Network, is involved with Kankakee County Hispanic Partnership, Kankakee United, and is a senior high school girls youth group leader at her church. Her prior experience includes internships with Riverside Healthcare, the Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and one of the largest nonprofits in the United States, Compassion International.

Rachel is passionate about seeing Kankakee County thrive and looks forward to any opportunity to connect individuals into this area.



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Alexandra is committed to learning and is known to seek out professional and personal growth opportunities. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Psychology and is currently pursuing her Master's in Business Administration. She also holds the following certifications: Strengths Strategy Specialist (People Acuity), People Acuity Guide (People Acuity), Certified Marketing Professional (Wirthwein) and Crisis Intervention Training (ICASA).

She has grown professionally through career promotions within the senior living industry, having started as a Community Administrator at Heritage Woods of Dwight. She was promoted to Regional Director of Marketing and Sales and most recently to her current position of Regional Director of Operations.

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Alexandra Shuell

Alexandra Shuell views the world through a lens of individualism and person-centered avenues both at work and at home. Alexandra's role in a business setting is to lead teams toward fulfilling their mission in providing the best quality of life for seniors and persons with physical disabilities. This is accomplished with an intentional focus on purpose, people, and performance.

Alexandra, a certified People Acuity Guide, earned a Bachelors' degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology and has had the opportunity to attend leadership courses through her employer at Gardant Management Solutions. She is currently enrolled in the MBA program at the University of Illinois.

It is through this combination of experiences and education that Alexandra leads her life through meaningful connections with others. The connections she holds in the highest regard are those with her children and family.



Jackie Tingley

Jackie Tingley first moved to Kankakee County shortly after graduating from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She began her educational career as a Mathematics Teacher at BBCHS in 2008. After nine years, she moved to Bradley Central Middle School as the Assistant Principal. Jackie is now in her first year as the Principal at Shabbona Elementary.

Jackie enjoys having the opportunity to support students as they start their formal educational journey in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. Over the last 13 years, she has been blessed to work with amazing educators, incredible students, and supportive families. She is grateful to have the opportunity to work and give back within the community that she lives.

Jackie resides in Bourbonnais with her husband, Evan and two children.



Sarah Viall

Sarah Viall was born & raised in Kankakee County and is a graduate of Manteno High School. She holds degrees from the University of Illinois and the University of Missouri. Sarah spent some time working for social service organizations before joining COUNTRY Financial in early 2013. Sarah moved back to Kankakee County in July 2018 to take on the role of Insurance Agent.

An integral part of Sarah's business is educating how insurance can provide peace of mind and protection to individuals, families, and businesses in our community.

Sarah is an Ambassador with the Kankakee County Chamber, as well as a member of the Rotary Club of Bradley-Bourbonnais and the Potawatomi Paddlers Association. Sarah currently resides in Bourbonnais.



Dr. Aditi Vyas

Dr. Aditi Vyas is a board-certified Occupational Medicine physician and Riverside's Director of Population Health.

Aditi completed her undergraduate and medical school in the Chicago area at Loyola University and Chicago Medical School. She also has a background in radiology from a Yale University institution. Aditi has a Masters in Biotechnology from Rush University and a Masters in Biomedical Sciences from Chicago Medical School. Her Occupational Medicine degree and Masters in Public Health are from University of Illinois at Chicago.

Aditi is excited to be part of Kankakee County as Population Health serves all patients who come to Riverside Medical Center. One important initiative includes holding monthly food pantry events by collaborating with Northern Illinois Food Bank. Aditi is looking forward to being part of Riverside Medical Center and Kankakee County for many years to come and hopes her passion and drive can help bring change to social disparities in the future.

Aditi resides with her husband and three young children.





Jessica Wright

Jessica Wright is a busy wife and mom of 2 beautiful toddlers, and owner of Urban Barbershop Co.

Kankakee is Jessica's home and has always had a sweet spot in her heart. Her dream was to own a small hometown barbershop where people in the community could gather and feel comfortable. Jessica knew there was nowhere else to do that than right in the heart of Kankakee County!

Jessica attributes wanting to serve the community by the love and acceptance she feels by every individual who visits Urban Barbershop Co. She is incredibly grateful and blessed for the opportunity to be chosen for the elite 40 under 40 group, and will continue to do her best for Kankakee County.



Jamie Zens

Jamie Zens is the mother of two beautiful children, Asher and Harlow, as well as a doting wife of, Retired 1st Sgt, Paul Zens. Jamie is a Kankakee native dedicating her time and talents to our elderly population, bringing state of the art, person-centered care to our seniors. Jamie has been with Riverside Healthcare for more than 16 years in various roles.

Jamie is passionate about caring for those with dementia, leading her to become a Dementia Practitioner in 2017. Always striving for excellence in all she does, Jamie earned her MBA in 2018.

Jamie is currently the Administrator at Riverside's Assisted Living and Memory Care in Bourbonnais. She not only serves our local community leading the way in Senior Care, she also sits on the Assisted Living Cabinet for Leading Age Illinois, advocating for the industry at a state level.

Jamie attributes her success and happiness to the support and love she is given from her wonderful family and friends.



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