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## **Leaders Under 40 Display Talent, Drive, Mission and Focus**

**AWARDS:** Ceremony Will Name 40 Winners, Offer Networking

■ By BRAD GRAVES

mazing. Focused. Extraordinarily talented. Givers. That is how Chris Bryant describes the 125 finalists for the San Diego **Business Journal's 40 NEXT Top Business** 

Leaders Under 40 awards. Bryant, who has worked in the corporate world and among small businesses, is one of five San Diego business leaders serving as independent judges for this year's awards program.

Anna Crowe is another judge. "It's definitely impressive to see so many people under 40 leading companies," said Crowe, who started her own firm at age 36.

"I have been so thrilled by these nominations and really heartened by the caliber of the nominees — not just what they're doing in their organizations, [but] what they're really doing in our community,' said a third judge, Elizabeth Fitzsimons.

The San Diego Business Journal will introduce its 40 promising young leaders during an awards ceremony Aug. 28 at The NAT, the natural history museum at 1788 El Prado in Balboa Park. Guests will be able to enjoy cocktails and dessert, learn the names of the winners, and have a chance to rub elbows with finalists.

"There are some really inspiring stories in there," Bryant said, referring to the finalists' personal stories.

Nominees include a ballerina bringing dance — as well as a message of nutrition and fitness — to schoolchildren and underserved populations. They include a European immigrant who went from dishwasher to restaurant franchise owner. They include an attorney who has participated in high stakes litigation and a business leader who raised \$140 million in venture capital.

Networking promises to be outstanding and the venue promises to be lively. The NAT's exhibits include a giant, wide-mouthed shark suspended from the ceiling, remnants from the dinosaur past and a swinging pendulum that shows off the Earth's rotation. It's not your usual hotel conference room.

Judge Elizabeth Fitzsimons runs the LEAD San Diego leadership development program. Her work, she said, has provided the lens through which she views the nominees. "I see a lot of idealism," she added.

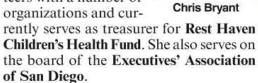
"It speaks a lot for our city and how entrepreneurial it is," Crowe said.

Tickets for 40 NEXT Top Business Leaders Under 40 are available at sdbj. com/bizevents. More information is available by calling (858) 277-6359.

Sponsors for the evening are Alaska Airlines, Moss Adams LLP and Green-Rope.

Here is a look at the judges for the 40 Next Top Business Leaders Under 40

Chris Bryant: Bryant is president and CEO of the San Diego **Employers Association** and spent many years in the financial services industry. She volunteers with a number of organizations and cur-



Frank Busic: Busic has been general manager of the University Club Atop Symphony Towers since 2015. He was previously owner and operator of Café Pacifica in Old Town and the general man-

ager of Stone Brewing Bistro and Gardens in Escondido. Busic first came to San Diego on a cross-country bicycle trip from Washington, D.C.

Anna Crowe: Crowe is founder and CEO of Crowe PR. She spent nearly 20 years working for iconic brands in New York City, Los Angeles and San Diego, pivoting from an



Frank Busic



auditor position at a Big Four accounting firm. She teaches marketing at the University of San Diego, serves as co-manager for Changemaker Chats and sits on the board of the San Diego chapter of the Entrepreneurs' Organization.

Elizabeth Fitzsimons: Fitzsimons is vice president for leadership and engagement with the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. She is responsible for five leadership development Elizabeth Fitzsimons



programs offered through LEAD San Diego. She is a board member of the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank, the Board of Library Commissioners for the city of San Diego, and the board of St. Paul's Cathedral in Bankers Hill.

Mel Katz: Katz and partner Phil Blair bought the local Manpower franchise in 1977 and have built it into the largest in the United States with annual revenue exceeding \$150 million. Katz has been



active in many civic organizations, including his leadership role with e3Civic High, a charter high school located in the downtown Central Library building.







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#### **2019 FINALISTS**



Augustín Ceballos Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek



Adam Francis Host Healthcare, Inc.



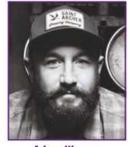
Adam Harris Cloudbeds



Adam Lohr RSM



Adam Seery Harvest Small Business Financial



Adam Warren Saint Archer Brewing Company



Alysse Cooper ICE



Amanda Daly California Ballet Company, Inc.



Ana Tsang JLL



Andrew Beltran Original Grain



Andrew Feghali AMF Foods, Inc.



Angela Ryan Ware Malcomb



Anna Lovec The Alchemy Company



Anton Burman ACI Apartments



Ardy Arianpour Segster



Artem Sharoshkin The Boxing Club



Bambos Charalambous J.P. Morgan Private Bank



Bobette Brown Palomar Health



Brad Engel Flagship Cruises & Events



Brant Aberg Cushman & Wakefield



Brett Landry Skyriver IT



Brian Grover Dudek



**Brian Milton** Union Bank



Brian Morales
Pro-Cal Lighting, Inc.



Briana Elvaiah Cortica



**Briana Weisinger** Univeristy of California San Diego



Brigitte Maheu Kelly Services



Brittany Merrill Yeng Skrewball Peanut Butter Whiskey



Brittny H. Ferguson U.S. Bank



Carlos Martinez Haskell & White



Carminia Panlilio Viasat Inc



Casey Miller Latitude 33 Aviation



Catherine Asuncion Klinedinst PC



Cayce Lynch Tyson & Mendes LLP



Cox Communications



Channelle McNutt JONES



Chien-Hsiang Chow Fresh Start Surgical Gifts



Chris Ly McKinney Capital & Advisory



Chrissy Conde ENTERPRISE



Christopher Hokokian Merrill Lynch Wealth Management



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#### **2019 FINALISTS**



**Connor Sanner** Power Digital Marketing



Dan Kagan Scientist.com



Danielle Aguas Center for Executive Excellence



David Barens ReFind Kitchens



**David MacKinnon** NBC 7 / Telemundo 20 San Diego



David Viani VIA Technical



**Desiree Roughton**San Diego Workforce
Partnership



Dina Segal Intuit, Inc.



**Doug Constantiner** Societe Brewing Company



Dustin TenBroeck Presidio Capital Management



Elizabeth Banker Shore Solutions, Inc.



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James Hammerschmidt NextGen Healthcare



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Women Warriors



**Joe Rohner** Booz Allen Hamilton



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John Lincoln Ignite Visibility



John Yeadon Hyatt Hotels, Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego



Jordan Pynn Stratford Managers



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Justin Fortier FYC Labs



Karina Arushanyan La Jolla Logic



Kathryn Abby Prugh Cigna



Keola Malone UE.co



#### **2019 FINALISTS**



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Kyle Slager Raken



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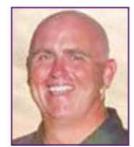
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