

2007 Green County Young Professional of the Year Nominees

KRISTIN ALLISON: Kristin is the founder and owner of Four Seasons Salon & Day Spa, Inc, Four Seasons Cosmetology School and HairDirections. Her drive for success is focused and well defined. She has distinguished herself as a leader in the cosmetology industry from both a business and technical standpoint. Kristin also founded Four Seasons C U Smile Wig Program along with implementing nursing home visits with her students, offering support & services to Green Haven Family Advocates, offering scholarships and financial aid to the cosmetology school and creating mentoring and employment opportunities within Green County. This young leader enjoys people, and likes to read, travel and camp! She exemplifies a young professional!

CHARLIE BAUMANN: Charlie is president of Integrated Marketing Solutions. He connects to the community in many ways including: serving as president of Green County Family YMCA in 2003 during which he was the motivation and architect of a successful building campaign; dedication and guidance to the Monroe Area Rebels Soccer Club by providing them the leadership they needed to grow and expand their funding base; and by leading the ABC Group that diligently worked to pass a recent referendum in Monroe. Charlie is very innovative and thinks "outside of the box." He often leads discussion groups with the statement: "Just suppose we tried this...where would we be at the end of the day?"

BRETT DAVIS: Brett is our State Representative for the 80th District. Although his home-life is in Oregon much of his time is spent working in Green County and the surrounding area. Brett's history includes working with State Representative Mike Powers, Wisconsin Senator Joe Leibham and Secretary Thompson's office in Washington D.C. He is a member of the Oregon-Brooklyn Lion's club; Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce & Board of Director's; Green County Conservation League; Rock Riverfront Advisory Board; Green County Farm Bureau; Green, Rock & Dane County Republican Party and is a 2006 graduate of the Green County Leaders program. Brett's efforts are firmly grounded in representing the people of the 80th District.

JAMES FAITH: James (Jim) is founder & owner of Faith Engineering, Inc. He is an exhibitor (from the age of 10) for the Rock River Thresheree, along with being a 20-year member and serving as a past Executive Board Member. Jim is also 4-H alumni as an exhibitor and Jr. Superintendent. He has donated 10 years of countless hours helping the Green County Fair Entertainment area. Along with these accomplishments, he also volunteers as Assistant Boy Scout Leader; volunteers to pull floats for Monroe Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry parades and donates a truck and time to transport, set-up and tear down the Monroe Optimists Cheese Curd stand. Jim's business was named Green County Development Corporation's "Small Business of the Year" in 2003 for their outstanding achievements and exemplary commitment to economic growth of Green County. Jim's leadership & commitment extends beyond Green County and provides partnerships with surrounding educational facilities, counties & communities.

TRACY HAMILTON: Tracy is the owner/operator of Heartland Graphics. He and his business have donated countless T-shirts, hats and other accessories to various charitable organizations in the area. He organized and implemented the St. Patrick's Day parade that took place on Monroe's Historical Square in 2007; participates on the Board of Directors for Monroe Area Rebel Soccer Team and is the author for their newsletter; coaches both the indoor and outdoor soccer programs at Green County Family YMCA; along with participating on the Board of Directors for the Monroe Main Street Organization. He enjoys attending live performances of music, running and training for 5k races. We all benefit from his dedication, service and excellence.

ERIK HUSCHITT: Erik is the Commodities Manager for Badger State Ethanol Plant. Being faced with adversity young in life Erik propelled ahead to become the outstanding young man he is today. His leadership career includes serving as FFA Alumni President; keynote speaker at Blackhawk Middle School Career Fair; current Green County Leader's Program participant; keynote speaker representing Badger State Ethanol plant and an environmental advocate. When Erik is not found putting in long hours at work he can be found spending time with family, hunting or on the golf course demonstrating his likeness to Tiger Woods.

PATTY JAMES: Patty is the Director of NonFood Inventory Management at The Swiss Colony, Inc. When not running from meeting to meeting at work Patty can be found participating and volunteering with the 4-H program with her children; directing the local drama production; teaching violin lessons; participating in the Brain Drain study that is helping to determine ways to attract & keep young professionals in Green County; planning & implementing fundraising events at Christmas time with the participation of her department employees or working alongside her husband on the family farm. She is a 2004 Green County Leader graduate. Patty is a wife, mother, mentor and inspiration to many. Patty's motivation is a source for many to become involved.

JODY MAKOS: Jody is support staff at the Monroe Clinic Hospital and also works as an EMT for Green County Emergency Medical Service. When not found assisting those in need, Jody can be found volunteering for 4-H activities; playing piano for church services and funerals; helping on the family farm or caring for family members after surgery. Jody has proven to be an inspiration to other EMT's by showing that if "she can do it, they can too!" Jody greets each day with a smile on her face and her "zest" for life provides inspiration to many.

TIMOTHY SCHULTZ: Timothy (Tim) is the founder and owner of Schultz's Inter-State Ag, Inc. He has grown his business from just 5 employees to over 20 during peak season in 11 short years. Tim currently serves on the Green County Development Board and Board of Directors for Monroe Preschool. He had a vision to move his business to Monroe Business & Industry Park and struggled to convince doubters that this area could prosper. Schultz's Inter-State Ag has earned over 30 awards for sales and service to the community. He is an avid sponsor of the local 4th of July Celebration, donor to the YMCA expansion projects and many school events. Tim is passionate about making Green County a better place live and work.

BRUCE WORKMAN: Bruce is the owner of Edelweiss Creamery in Monticello. For about 5 years, Bruce was the Scoutmaster of BSA Troop 106 (which includes Monticello and New Glarus.) During his time as Scoutmaster the troop expanded by 50%. He is responsible for assisting 6 boys in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout during this time. Bruce also served 6 years on the Consistory of the United Church of Christ in Monticello; 17 years as volunteer fireman; 4 years on the New Glarus EMS Board of Directors and was the *first* EMT to serve in Monticello. His leadership includes training several young people to become Scout Leaders. Bruce has achieved the highest honor in Cheesemaking, Master Cheesemaker, and dedicated this talent to making 5 categories of cheeses. Although he is very busy attending to his business he still makes time to volunteer for Wisconsin Cheesemakers Association and the local P.T.A. He & his family enjoy sharing a plot in the Montesian Community Gardens. Bruce balances his life with family and being a dedicated friend.

BOB ERB: Bob is General Manager of Credit Services/Partnership for Integrated Marketing Solutions. He has been serving on the Monroe School Board for over a year; volunteers as an assistant for reading and math tutor programs through Abraham Lincoln School; former President of the YMCA Board of Directors; active recruiter and participant in Big Brothers/Big Sisters and a parent volunteer at St. Victor's school. Bob is a graduate of the first Green County Leader's program and has become a voice for this program. No matter how busy Bob is at work or with his community service roles, he is first & foremost a family man. Bob is married to a wonderful woman and has two beautiful daughters. He amiably accepts daily obligations to assist with many aspects of their home life. Bob has also faced a challenge of his own over the past couple of years. He never let this get him down, but rather dealt with it like everything else in his life – with a positive attitude. Bob is an inspiration, role model and hero for many.