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MONROE CHAMBER TO RECOGNIZE NORTHEAST LOUISIANA TOP 20 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Monroe- On Thursday, September 8 the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, the News-Star, the Northeast Louisiana Young Professionals, Origin Bank and Thomas and Farr Agency will recognize sixty-six regional young professionals at the Top 20 Under 40 celebration. The event will be held at the Monroe Civic Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The sixty- six individuals who were nominated are advancing in their careers, active in the community and dedicated to making Northeast Louisiana a better place to live and work. All the nominees will be recognized at the 2016 Top 20 Under 40 event. In addition, the top 20 winners will be announced that evening.

The nominees are: Cody Bauman (ANGUS Chemical), Brad Bourgeois (WPS Industries), Bradley Bridges (Cross Keys Bank), John Bruscato (The Bruscato Law Firm), Jimmie Bryant II (Tipitina's Music Office Co-Op), Ceaser Camancho (InFit), Katrina Cann (P & S Surgical Hospital), Phillip Carpenter (The News-Star Media Group), Virendra Chhikara (Louisiana Small Business Development Center), James Brandon Craft (Homes Plus), Chad Creel (American National), Sharon Cummings Jones (KTVE/KARD), Renada Decatur (JP Morgan Chase), Brittney Dodd (Bayou Dental), Justin Downs (Louisiana Small Business Development Center), Aly Ellis (Spherion Staffing), Friday Ellis (Governor's Cigar & Pipe), Julie Emory (The Children's Coalition), Jo Tiffany Faulk (Sleepy Hollow Furniture), Brittany Forbis (Spherion Staffing), Allison Franzen (Ramboll Environ), Ashley Graham (Senior Insurance), Adam Green (Newcomer Morris and Young), Heather Guillot (Remax Premier Realty), Megan Hawthorne (Overhead Door – Monroe), Joshua Hays (Lazenby & Associates), Sarah Heatherly (InterMountain Management), Jamaro Hill (The Cookout & Never Forsaken), Ashley Hubenthal (BayouLife Magazine), Trotter Hunt (Hunt Guillot and Associates & HGA

Staffing), Larry Jones (ULM/Techlete), Trevor Jones (Heavyweight Supplements), Jeff Laudenheimer (Progressive Bank), Heather Lee (CenturyLink), Luke Letlow (Congressman Ralph Abraham's Office), Emma Loyless (Sterlington Rural Health Clinic), Krystle Mahoney (OfficeLinx), Wesley Martin (Bank of Oak Ridge), Kelsea McCrary (CenturyLink), Bryn Meredith (ICHEM), Jamie Miley (Cross Keys Bank), Jo King Montgomery (Thomas & Farr Agency), Clint Nesmith (Thomas & Farr Agency), Marisol O'Neal (Origin Bank), Jeff Parker (Origin Bank), Morgan Patrick (ULM), Micah Pulliam (Coast Professional), Brandy Ragsdale (Bella Blues Designs), Matthew Rainwater (SaniCan Bin Cleaning), Cody Rials (Cody Rials Attorney), Lee Riordan (Cross Keys Bank), Scotty Robinson (Ouachita Parish Police Jury and American National), Lissy Sanders Compton (Mr. P's Tees), David Sharp (King's Camp), Joel Sharpton (Red Peach Media), Pashen Sims (The Arts with Passion), Jordan Smith (Fletcher Financial Group), Valerie Smith (Spherion Staffing), Shelia Snow (Monroe-West Monroe Convention and Visitors Bureau), Brenathia Tenner (KTVE/KARD), Daniel Thompson (CenturyLink), Josh Tolleson (Goodwill Industires), Michael Wilkes (Progressive Bank), Charles Williams (Forever Williams Photography), Doug Wood (Catfish Charlie's), and Megan Woodard (CenturyLink).

Presenting sponsors for the event are Origin Bank and Thomas and Farr Agency. Additional sponsors are ANGUS, All Star Trophies, Delta Style, Faulk and Foster, KTVE/KARD, Lagniappe Broadcasting, Specialty Management Services of Ouachita, Steel Fabricators, The City of Monroe, The News-Star, The Radio People. Cost to attend the event is \$30 per person and reservations can be made by calling 807-4018.