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## The Tribune announces Top 20 Under 40 Award winners

Twenty of the county's brightest young leaders have been chosen as winners of The Tribune's 2009 Top 20 Under 40 Award.

In its fourth year, the award celebrates the accomplishments of 20 people under age 40, and honors them for their strong commitment to their profession and community service.

Nearly 80 nominations were received online in November and evaluated by a panel of judges from the Economic Vitality Corp. of San Luis Obispo County.

Candidates must live and work in the county year-round and have a deep desire to make a difference in their community.

Winners were notified this week and will be presented with an award Jan. 22 at a special luncheon.

The Top 20 under 40 are Katie Allison, fund development and outreach director at the San Luis Obispo County YMCA; Tamara Baggett, principal accountant auditor, county Auditor Controller's Office; Toney Breault, partner and president, F. McLintock's Saloon and Dining House; Dawna Davies, owner and broker, Davies Co. Real Estate; John Diodati, department administrator, county Public Works Department; Rich Ferguson, magician and entertainer, Rich Ferguson Entertainment; James E. Glinn Jr., director and president, San Luis Sports Therapy and Orthopedic Rehabilitation; Preston Holdner, general manager, Trilogy Central Coast; Stacie Jacob, executive director, Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance; John Keller, assistant professor, Cal Poly Physics Department and Jeremy Koellish, executive vice president and partner at TekTegrity.

Also among the honored are Ben Kulick, president, Stalbear LLC; Jeremy LaDuque, chairman and chief executive, Elements Inc.; Neal Moriarty, firefighter and paramedic, Cal Fire Station 15; Naomi Neilson Howard, president, Native Trails; Tina Porter, president and founder, SLO County Sitters Inc.; Jason Reed, resource development coordinator, Women's Shelter of San Luis Obispo County; Steven Sage Hider, optometrist, Primary Eyecare Center, San Luis Obispo; Monique Speake, owner, local UPS Store franchise and Evan Steed, co-founder, Meathead Movers in San Luis Obispo.

— *Julie Lynem*

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