The 40-Under-40 Awards marks its tenth birthday this week. That's worth two high fives. And the ten year milestone means that the 2017 class of award winners brings the total alumnus count to an impressive and eponymously numbered 400. This total makes for a lot of living, work, accomplishment, ambition, hope, dreams.

The awards celebrate all of these and more.

And they are, we hope, as much a spur for the future as they are a recognition of each winner's present and past.

Our award winners have already blazed trails through their lives that bring credit to themselves, their families, their communities, Ireland, Irish America, and the United States of America.

The awards are not given on the basis of specific jobs, vocations or achievements, but rather cover all possible career bases and pursuits and are prompted by nominators who see in each award winner a reason, or reasons, as to why he or she stands out at a time of life when a certain landmark age has yet to be reached.

This year's award winners are drawn from a broad assortment of career paths.

They come from the law, education, medicine, architecture, sport, broadcasting, real estate, marketing, the financial sector, profit and non-profit.

Seventeen of the 2017 award winners are women. That's two more than last year.

One of these years it will be an even 20/20 split. A perfect 4.0 if you will! The 2017 winners were born in different parts of the United States, Ireland, the UK and Canada.

This year's U.S.-born winners hail from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Illinois.

The varied careers, and the different places our award winners call home, has become a familiar aspect of 40-Under-40 over the last decade.

This year, it being a standout anniversary year, we have also heard back from 40 Under 40 alumni from previous years.

The 40 Under 40 Awards are national and international, personal and shared. And we believe they wear the passing years well.

The winners bring pride to the story of the Irish in America, and indeed around the world.

And the Irish Echo is proud to play host in what is our 89th year of publication.

That in itself is a reminder that forty, standout age that it might be, is only a step along the way.

Our winners inspire, even as they provide the energy and impetus to hold an awards event.

The Irish Echo congratulates each and every one and will do so with the greatest pleasure this Friday evening, February 24, at Rosie O'Grady's in Manhattan, venue for the awards presentation gathering.

It promises to be a memorable evening, a celebration of the best of the best.
The Officers & Executive Council of The American Irish Historical Society extend congratulations to "Our Sophs" : Sophie Colgan on the occasion of her nomination for the Irish Echo's "40 Under 40 Award"
Eileen Blessinger
Where you live: Washington, DC
Place of Birth: New Jersey, NJ
Age: 34
Status: single
Family: Both of my parents are dual citizens of Ireland and the United States. I grew up with my mother in New Jersey. Her father was from Sligo, Ireland and my grandmother's parents were from Tipperary. My three siblings live in Long Island, New York.
First Job: Answering telephones at my father's Taxi Company.
What it taught me: There is no job too small.
Current Company and position: Blessinger Legal PLLC; Partner of Law Firm
Best advice you could give someone starting out: Try to learn every position in the company. There is no job too small or that you are above.
Three things people would be surprised to know about me: 1. I speak fluent Spanish. 2. I tried out for the U.S. Junior Olympics Luge Team. 3. I was a varsity bowler in high school.

Sophie Colgan
Where you live: Bronx, New York
Place of Birth: Kent, England
Age: 25
Status: Single
Family: I come from a family of nine. My mother, Mary, and father, Peter were born and raised in County Down, Ireland. My family still live. I have four sisters; Ella is 24 and recently moved to New Zealand to work, and my family still live.
First Job: Marketing Events Assistant, Ulster Bank, Belfast.
What it taught me: During my 3 year Bachelor's Degree in Communication and Public Relations in Ulster University, Belfast I decided it would be good experience to find an applicable 3 Summer experience in the field of Study. So I set out to gain as much experience as I could in Ulster Bank where I worked with the Head of Marketing and Events. I learned how important good communication skills are, how important it is to think of events as a social good work ethic. I enjoyed learning about how banking corporations work differently than other organizations. Customer and stakeholder satisfaction is the most important part of my job. I learned not to be afraid of absence from my degree for one year and continued to work as Marketing Events Assistant with a salary. I entered my final year of study with a newfound understanding of the world, and how attaining my degree, as well as the best possible results as I could achieve, would be the best advantage I could give myself for the rest of my life.
Current Company and position: Events and Marketing Manager, Irish Historical Society; 55 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10028
Best advice you could give someone starting out: I think the best advice I ever received before moving to New York was to try things that came my way from volunteering, to extra work, to social activities, joining sports teams, new challenges and meeting new people. I would also advise someone starting out to have a plan and make the most of things. I feel as if they are not progressing how they want to, there is more to life than a career.
Three things people would be surprised to know about me: 1. I was the 2015 New York Rose of Tralee. 2. I have no middle name. 3. During university for extra money I would dress up as a Hippo Mascot (Henri the Hippo).
I certainly feel especially lucky to be included in the 2016 40 Under 40!

Thank you to my amazing family for your unending support and love. I couldn't do it without you!

Thank you also to the many Irish friends and mentors I've met throughout my career in both politics and the labor movement. You are a constant inspiration!

Congratulations to all my fellow honorees and thanks to the Irish Echo for all you do for the Irish American Community!

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Kevin Conlan
Where you live: Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn
Place of Birth: New York
Age: 22
Family: Anne Tully - Mom; Gerard Conlon Dad; Kathleen Conlon - Twin Sister
First Job: Business Development Associate, NFP
Best advice you could give someone starting out: Build your network as much as you can. Give back whenever you can, time is precious, because it is in giving, that we receive. Never be afraid to ask for help and know that family, friends, and mentors always come first.
Three things people would be surprised to know about me: 1. I am a bagpiper. 2. I have been to over 55 countries. 3. I have boxed for 18 years of my life.

Michael Conlan
Where you live: California
Place of Birth: Ireland
Age: 25
Family: Father-John; Mother-Teresa; Brothers-Jamie, Brendan & Sean Paul; Fiancé-Shauna; Daughter-Luisa
First Job: Floor/Wall tiler
What it taught me: I hate cold early mornings and I never want to work on a building site.
Current Company and position: Professional Boxer
Best advice you could give someone starting out: Set your goals high, dedicate yourself and give it 100% every time you are in the gym. Enjoy the ride & never give up!
Three things people would be surprised to know about me: 1. I'm a bagpiper. 2. I have been to over 55 countries. 3. I have boxed for 18 years of my life.

Kristian Comer Where you live: Nanuet, NY Place of Birth: Bronx, NY Age: 38
Status: Single
Family: My father Jimmy, mother Madeline, brothers James, Comer, sister Michele Battista, brother in-law Anthony Battista, two amazing nieces Brittany and Olivia
First Job: Camp Counselor
What it taught me: It was a lot of fun. It taught me a lot, when you watch and interact with children, you notice how happy and excited they are to start the day and this rubs off on you. It teaches you to enjoy the smaller things in life and how each day is a new adventure.
Current Company and position: I'm a student and independent film maker
Best advice you could give someone starting out: Never settle, not for anyone or anything!
Three things people would be surprised to know about me: 1. I'm an avid fan of independent wrestling and metal music. 2. I can speak Japanese. 3. I have traveled to five different countries.

Michael's professional debut is one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the year.

Neal Costello
Where you live: Netherlands
Place of Birth: Canada
Age: 30
Family: Wife: Lindsay, Son: Ryan (5), Daughter: Lauren (2)
First Job: ‘Rink rat’ - working at the local hockey arena
What it taught me: The value of a dollar
Current Company and position: The Carlyle Group - Managing Director
Best advice you could give someone starting out: You'll always have repeat business. Never assume that you own love with the States. Never assume that you own love with the States.
Three things people would be surprised to know about me: 1. Have been to over 55 countries. 2. Played semi-professional hockey in Hong Kong. 3. Lucky number is 13.

Neal Patrick Costello is a Managing Director at The Carlyle Group, one of the world’s largest global alternative asset managers. Currently based in the Netherlands, Neal has lived and worked in the United Kingdom (London), Asia (Hong Kong), the United States (New York, Canada (Toronto) and now Europe. His focus is private equity investing via Carlyle’s platform of AlpInvest Partners. Neal has been a member of the Carlyle management team for 12 years. He also spent a couple years at the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board.
Education-wise, Neal received his MBA from Columbia University in New York, where he also currently serves on the school’s Private Equity Advisory Board. He received his undergraduate Honors Business degree from the Ivey School of Business at Western University in Canada and is also a CFA Charterholder through the New York Chapter of the CFA Institute. Neal graduated from the University of London with a Bachelor of Commerce degree with First Class Honors in Business Economics. He also holds a First Class Honors degree in Economics from London School of Economics and Political Science. Neal has been in private equity investing for over 12 years, including over 6 years at Carlyle. During his time in private equity, Neal has been a seminal figure in the Carlyle’s strategy in various countries. Neal is one of the leading figures in the Carlyle’s Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region and has spent over 12 years in the region. Neal is currently based in the Netherlands and is a member of the Carlyle Group’s Global Management Committee. Neal joined the Carlyle Group in 2007 as an investment professional in the Buyout Group in London and was subsequently promoted to various senior roles in the Carlyle Group’s Buyout Group. Neal’s professional debut will be on his 35th birthday on May 10, 2017.
Congratulations to

Kevin Duffy

for being honored as one of the IrishEcho’s 2017 40 under 40.

A well deserved honor that all of us at Sullivan Engineering know has been earned through your hard work, commitment to growth and unfailing ethics. We know that this award is one of many that you will receive throughout your career and is a tribute to your wonderful parents Eamon and Patricia.

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Best advice you could give someone starting out: Don't be afraid of the unknown or to take chances, do your job to the best of your ability and honesty is the best policy.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me:
1. I lived in South Africa for a couple of months during my 3rd year of college. It's there that I developed my love to travel. Since I was a child.
2. I grew up in Malawi and Switzerland. Where you live:
   Manhattan, NY
   Place of Birth: Cork, Ireland
   Age: 36
   Status: Single
   Family: Susan Dougherty (Mother), Kevin Cunnane (Father), Barry Cunnane (Grandfather), Brian Cunnane (Brother), Aoife Cunnane (Sister), Fiona Cunnane (Sister)
   Children: 0
   Place of Birth:
   My mother, Susan, was born in Dublin, Ireland. My father, Kevin, was born in the Bronx, NY. My brother, Brian, was born in the Bronx, NY. My sisters, Aoife and Fiona, were both born in Cork, Ireland. My grandmother, Barry, was born in Limerick, Ireland. My grandfather, Brian, was born in Limerick, Ireland. My father passed away in 2010.
   Current Company and position:
   Aisling Irish Community Center
   Program Coordinator
   Best advice you could give someone starting out: It taught me to have an open mind and be willing to learn new things. It also taught me the importance of networking and building relationships.
   Ruth Cunnane grew up in Balla, Co. Mayo. She attended the National College of Ireland in Galway where she studied her BA in History, Geography and Human Rights and a diploma in Irish. Throughout her first two years in NUIG, she volunteered with the ALIVE volunteering services, helping out at a youth development center and at a after school homework club. She was awarded the ALIVE presidential award in 2010 and 2011 for her volunteering efforts. During Ruth's third year at university she spent the year in South Africa and New York. This is where she developed her interest in working with non-profits, and interning with different non-profits. Throughout the year, Ruth traveled around South Africa and her love to travel evolved. She graduated from NUIG in 2013 and moved to New York at the start of 2014 where she started working at Aisling Irish Community Center part-time before becoming a full time member of staff in 2015. Ruth is responsible for coordination of various programs at the center including the "Young at Heart" Senior Group, educational programs, and keeping people informed about past and upcoming events at the center.
The Havas Health and Health4Brands family congratulates Anne Yvonne Daly – SVP Strategy and Customer Engagement – and now, illustrious member of the honorable Irish 40 Under 40.
**Jack Farrell**

Where you live: Washington, DC  
Place of Birth: Rostrevor, Co. Down  
Age: 33  
Status: Single  
Family: Mom, Brid – Liam; Sisters - Katie & Grace.

**First Job:** Organizing Fellow on The Obama Campaign in Toledo, Ohio during the 2012 election.

**What it taught me:** Personally, I believe you can always make a difference. Graduating college, nearly every young person has the exact same resume, so your personality, your ability to connect with people, or ability to build empathy, or demonstrate enthusiasm, is vital to making an impact.

**Current Company and position:** DME for Peace Project Manager at Search for Common Ground

**Best advice you could give someone starting out:** I have three personal philosophies that help guide my actions: 1. always be kind. 2. If you want something bad enough, you’ll make it happen and 3. Take a chance.

**Three things people would be surprised to know about me:** 1. I play golf off a single figure handicap. 2. I grew up in an incredibly musical family and have performed musical theatre across the globe including Monaco, Malta, Madrid and, most recently, at the American Irish Historical Society’s Centenary Celebration of the Easter Rising in New York. 3. I try to pick up a piece of art in every country I visit.

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Born in Rostrevor, Co. Down, Jack Farrell now works as the DME for Peace Project Manager at Search for Common Ground in Washington, DC. Jack grew up in Rostrevor where he attended St. Mary’s Boys School and then went on to attend St. Colman’s College in Newry. It was there he developed an interest in politics and international relations, representing Northern Ireland at the Junior 8 Summit and European Youth Parliament. Following this, Jack attended Trinity College Dublin where he studied Political Science, specializing in civic engagement strategies in the advent of social media. Following graduation, he moved to Toledo, Ohio where he worked as an Organizing Fellow for President Obama’s campaign in the 2012 election. While in Toledo, Jack documented his experience of life on the campaign through a series of columns for the Irish Times. Following on from his work in Ohio, Jack launched No Labels Northern Ireland, a non-profit dedicated to the removal of cultural labels in political discourse. He did this in partnership with the American organization, No Labels, and subsequently moved to Washington, DC in 2013 to oversee the development of No Labels’ national grassroots network.

Having grown up on the border, Jack has always had an interest in post-conflict societies and consequently joined a grassroots network that works in countries that have been impacted by conflict. At SFCG, Jack manages the DME for Peace more effective peacebuilding programming. As part of his work on DME for Peace, Jack hosts the “Thursday Talk” show in partnership with the American organization, No Labels, which he co-founded. His efforts also paved the way for the launch of No Labels Northern Ireland, a non-profit dedicated to the development of peace and development professionals across the globe.

Jack is an avid sportsman, who prides himself on his creativity, and in his Irish heritage which he regularly demonstrates through his love of GAA and traditional music.

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**Jennifer Flannery**

Where you live: Brooklyn, New York  
Place of Birth: Dublin, Ireland  
Age: 35  
Family: Parents; Joe and Eileen both from Co Sligo, Ireland. I have one brother Dermot who currently resides with his wife and three children in Ashbourne, Co Meath.

**First Job:** Summer job working at the local supermarket in my hometown.

What it taught me: The value of money.

**Current Company and position:** Associate, RBC Capital Markets New York.

**Best advice you could give someone starting out:** There is only one way to achieve your goals and that is through hard work and determination is enough. My advice is to identify a real passion that will drive you to succeed and don’t be afraid to make tough times to get there.

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**David Kelly**

Where you live: NY  
Place of Birth: Galway  
Age: 28  
Family: I am the only son of my parents, brothers and three sisters. They all live in Europe.

**First Job:** Instincts  

What it taught me: I learnt the process of a trading desk, and got a deep understanding of the dynamics, the ins-and-outs of the equity markets in the US. It was an eye-opening experience and a fantastic first professional step in New York. It gave me a better understanding of the workplace in the US.

**Current Company and position:** Lone Star Fund - Hudson Advisors - Assistant Vice President Real Estate Debt

**Best advice you could give someone starting out:** It’s not too late to switch careers or to try new things.

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**Cillian Kieran**

Where you live: Greenwich Village, New York, NY  
Place of Birth: Dublin, Ireland  
Age: 35  
Status: Married  
Family: Expecting our first child - exciting times ahead.

**First Job:** Software Engineer for Small Startup

What it taught me: Seeing a small business grow, struggle, completely reorganize itself and optimize to then grow into a multinational operation was very inspiring. The rigor of operational and financial management, the value of a steady hand and more than anything the need to have a long term vision and willingness to bear out some very tough times to get there.

**Current Company and position:** Founder and CEO of CKSK / Founder of BrandCommerce. CKSK and BrandCommerce work with Fortune 500 Companies to help them understand and build the future of commerce for their brands in a digitally connected world. I am fortunate to work with a team of engineers, data scientists and user experience consultants to understand how brands can build commerce through digital.

**Best advice you could give someone starting out:** The cliche is to never listen to the naysayers and go with your instinct but with the shift in economies I don’t think gut determination is enough. My advice is to identify a real problem that an end user/customer has and solve something fundamentally for that - become the market leader and a domain expert in that niche. You’ll find it will blossom into something truly special but don’t be tempted to spread your capabilities or resources too thinly. Focus, focus, focus. (And never mind the cliches too)! Three things people would be surprised to know about me:

1. I swam for Ireland at the European Youth Olympics.
2. I developed a passion for music while I was studying at Fordham University.
3. I travelled the Trans-Siberian railroad in 2009.

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Irish-born Cillian Kieran is the founder and CEO of CKSK and BrandCommerce; technology businesses that work with Fortune 500 brands to build and scale e-commerce capabilities that grow their business in a connected world.

CKSK founded over a decade ago is headquartered in Ireland, with offices in Los Angeles and New York. It was an eye-opener to see how the fast-paced e-commerce landscape was changing, and how brands needed to adapt to the fast-changing landscape.

David Kelly, a co-founder of the Irish Women’s Network of New York City, is a former investment banker and currently works at Lone Star Fund, where he focuses on real estate debt. He has also been involved in various community projects in New York City, including volunteering at a local food bank and participating in a mentorship program for young people. He is married with three children who are his pride and joy.

David’s best advice for someone starting out is to never be afraid to try something new or take a chance. He believes that taking risks and being open to new opportunities is key to success.

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Jennifer Flannery is a recent graduate of the University of Limerick, where she studied Law and Accounting. She was accepted into the MBA program at Fordham University, and upon graduation she started her career in real estate at a major investment bank.

Jennifer’s best advice for someone starting out is to always be open to new opportunities and to never be afraid to ask for help or advice. She believes that building a strong network and being proactive about finding new opportunities is key to success.

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Cillian Kieran is a software engineer by trade, and has worked in the tech industry for over a decade. He is currently the founder and CEO of CKSK, a technology company that works with Fortune 500 brands to build e-commerce capabilities.

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Congratulations Ruth! You are a most deserving recipient of the 2017 Irish Echo Top 40 Under 40 Award! We are so fortunate to have you on the team here and so grateful for all you do for Irish emigrants and everyone in the local community.

Best Wishes from the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers at Aisling Irish Community Center.

Aisling Center is one of the largest Irish immigrant resource centers in the tri-state area and the main provider of services for the elderly Irish and Irish-American communities of Yonkers and Woodlawn. Our senior program includes weekly activities such as a reading group, chair yoga, arts & crafts, etc. We also provide a FREE lunch every Tuesday (donated by local restaurants and caterers). Other services for the elderly include outreach for homebound seniors, professional counseling and assistance with quality homecare.

We also provide confidential counseling and wellness programs; feed the homeless program; legal and immigration referrals; assistance with employment & accommodation; Irish dance, music, singing, and language classes; Computer Classes; Karate for Kids; Acting classes for children, Art classes for children; Yoga; PiYo; Boot Camp; Moms & Tots group; weekly AA support group.

Congratulations Jimmy Dougherty on your well-earned “40 Under 40” honor

Tús maith leath na hoibre
A good start is half the work
Love, Sue, Jim, and Caileigh Dougherty
Sean MacCready
Where you live: Chicago, IL
Place of Birth: Pottsville, PA
Age: 34
Status: Married
Family: wife, Molly MacCready; parents: Robert & Regina, siblings: Kellie and Katelyn
First job: "Parish Engineer" at our church school
What it taught me: That a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to create the experience that we often take for granted. Be respectful and appreciative of those around us, especially our inklings of what work is underneath you. Most importantly though, the most important person in the building is always the maintenance worker who holds all the keys.
Current Company and position: Senior Major Gift Officer for the Archdiocese of Chicago
Best advice you could give someone starting out: There's virtue in working harder and there's value in working smarter. If you can think and act strategically, you'll be well ahead of the pack. I grew up working with high school clients, but even if they might not have thought about it, then you'll be the one who brings value to them and will integrate their payment and satisfaction. Then take what you learned and share it with others.
Three things people would be surprised to know about me:
1. I competed on the Athletics and Basketball teams for Trinity College Dublin in 2002-2003.
2. I have an Irish sister, Sr. Madeline Hughes, to blame for getting me into the field of education.
3. In the past year and a half I've completed 3 SCUBA dives.

Erin O'Shea McGoe
Where you live: Dobbs Ferry, NY
Place of Birth: Yonkers, NY
Age: 36
Status: Married
Family: Erin was born in Yonkers, NY the 4th of 5 children to Sally (nee Fitzgerald) and Timmy O'Shea. She has one sister, Mary, and three brothers, Cornelius, John, and Brian O'Shea. She married her husband Barry McGoe in 2012. Erin is a native of Yonkers, NY the 4th of 5 children to Sally (nee Fitzgerald) and Timmy O'Shea. She has one sister, Mary, and three brothers, Cornelius, John, and Brian O'Shea. She married her husband Barry McGoe in 2012.
City of Yonkers (Firefighter) in 2007 and has 3 beautiful children, Madeline Mary (7), John Timothy (5) and Matthew McGoey (3). They currently live in Dobbs Ferry, New York.
First Job: Camp Counselor
What it taught me: I learned the importance of teamwork, the value of responsibility and the timelessness of friendship.
Current Company and position: Sr. Associate Attorney, Bartlett, McDonough, & Monaghan LLP
Best advice you could give someone starting out: Give it your all no matter how trivial the task... you never know how important your work may be. More often than not your work ethic can be just as important as your work product.
Three things people would be surprised to know about me:
1. I knit and crochet.
2. I am self-taught and love to play craps.
3. I am the eldest of their 3 children. My sister Mary (26) and brother Jack (25) live and work in Dublin.

Valerie McGrane
Where you live: Manhattan Place of Birth: Dublin, Ireland
Age: 29
Family: Wonderful parents Irene from Mallow, County Cork and John from Drogheda, County Louth. I am the eldest of their 3 children. My sister Mary (26) and brother Jack (25) work and live in Dublin.
First Job: Summer job as a gardener at the Dillon Gardens in Ranelagh, Dublin aged 16.
What it taught me: There's money in dirt.
Current Company and position: Manager, Deal Advisory, KPMG Ireland
Best advice you could give someone starting out: Aim high and believe in your ability to succeed. Be true to yourself and surround yourself with people that will inspire you.
Three things people would be surprised to know about me:
1. I received a scholarship from the DIT College of Music when I was 8 years of age to learn to play the cello.
2. I am a past member of the UCD Choral Scholars from 2006 – 2009, Ireland’s leading collegiate choral ensemble.
3. I am a proud left-hander!

Best advice you could give someone starting out: Take for granted. Be respectful and appreciative of those around you, especially your inklings of what work is underneath you. Most importantly though, the most important person in the building is always the maintenance worker who holds all the keys.

Valerie led the Dublin bid to host the One Young World Summit in 2014 with a group of Dublin-based youth leaders, and was supported by President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins, An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny and Tourism Ireland. The four-day summit held at the Convention Centre Dublin hosted over 2,000 delegates aged 18-30 from 196 countries and included high profile speakers such as UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, Sir Bob Geldof and former President of Ireland Mary Robinson. The event had a direct economic impact worth €2 million for the local economy. Valerie was awarded the Lord Mayor of Dublin’s Award in 2015 for her contribution to the city and work to bring the One Young World Summit to Dublin.

In 2015 Valerie was appointed Co-Chairperson of the Irish International Business Network Foundation Leaders Board working to facilitate greater communication and business connectivity between successful Irish business people worldwide. Valerie is a member of the American Ireland Fund membership and is proud to support the work of Co-Operation Ireland and the Children’s Medical Research Foundation in New York.

Shawn McKenna
Where you live: Leominster, Massachusetts, USA
Place of Birth: Fitchburg, Massachusetts, USA
Age: 31
Status: Single
Family: My immediate family resides in Massachusetts and New York City. My mother and father, Shawn and Marie (nee Ellen) reside in Lunenburg, MA. My brother, Christopher McKenna resides in Manhattan, NY, NY.
First Job: Construction Laborer
What it taught me:
1. Respect for people’s time. Always arrive early and stay late to make sure the job is completed properly and to the highest quality.
2. Pride in a hard day’s work.
3. Never be afraid of a challenge. Constantly challenge yourself and endeavor to learn new skills and talents.

Current Company and position: City of Leominster Fire Department - Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician
Best advice you could give someone starting out: Never let apprehension deter you from attempting greatness. Hard work is most often worth the pain. Remain honest with yourself and others. Always maintain high integrity and take pride in it.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me:
1. I observed cardiac-thoracic surgery when I was 13-years-old
2. I was elected president of the Presidential Classroom New York for approximately 2 years.
3. I served as a maintenance position at Registrar, University of Massachusetts, USA.

S hawn McKenna is a full-time permanent Firefighter/EMT for the City of Leominster, Massachusetts. Prior to this appointment, Mr. McKenna served the Lunenburg, Massachusetts, Fire Department as a Call Lieutenant Firefighter/EMT. Mr. McKenna was also a volunteer firefighter/EMT for the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where he achieved the ranks of Lieutenant, Captain, and Deputy Chief of the department’s Student Force. Mr. McKenna has served in the fire service for the past 13 years. He is a founding member of the Worcester County Firefighters’ Emerald Society and has served as the Vice President and Treasurer respectfully.

Prior to his appointment to the Leominster Fire Department, Mr. McKenna served as a Captain of Community Outreach for the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office. The Community Outreach Division endeavors to enhance county safety through public initiatives, social public safety programs and continued education, and continuously adapting to evolving illicit dangers which threaten public safety. Mr. McKenna continues to advise the Sheriff’s Office as a consultant. Mr. McKenna was also the youngest executive board member at the Worcester Reserve Deputy Sheriff’s Association. Mr. McKenna is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and holds a multitude of law enforcement and emergency services certifications.
Sean & Molly MacCready would like to thank the Irish Echo for supporting the Irish American community nationwide & Chris Kozicki for his work on behalf of Irish America in Chicago.

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Ann Marie O’Dea - Secretary
"Harry." Katie enjoys drawing with colored pencils, traveling, and spending time with her friends. In school at 13, she decided that she wanted to be a teacher, so she began working with preschool and school-aged children. Growing up, Katie also loved to dance and decided to focus on that as well. She now has a passion for teaching both kids and adults how to dance.

Katie McLaughlin was raised in Huntington, NY and attended the Academy of Saint Joseph on Long Island before going off to Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut. While at Quinnipiac, she worked for Court TV for several years before heading to CNN Digital's Entertainment division — among her projects were Parts Unknown, Morgan Spurlock: Inside Man and The Experiment. Currently, she works as a Freelance Digital Producer at NBCUniversal, responsible for sourcing and structuring the acquisition of medical companies for Medical Imaging Specialists (MIS) — a private equity group building outpatient radiology networks across the U.S. East Coast. Prior to joining MIS, McMahon developed feasibility studies and commercialization plans for startups across North America and Europe as well as consulting with SMEs in Ireland to create digital marketing strategies. He also spent some time as a Proactive Development and Support Consultant for Pioneer DJ, based in London.

In late 2014, in his own words, he "sold all my stuff, packed what was left into a suitcase and moved to the U.S. with my wife, Katie." Active in the startup and technology community as a Board Member of Digital Irish, McMahon has helped establish an angel investment network for U.S.-based investors into Irish startups and volunteers his time to help Irish graduates find employment in NYC.

A two-time graduate of University College Cork, Ireland, he holds a M.Sc. in Innovation, Commercialization and Entrepreneurship and a B.Sc. in Finance.

Katie McLaughlin
Where you live: New York, NY
Age: 39
Status: Married
Family: Husband, Christopher; Parents, Tom & Nora; Sister, Laura
First Job: Selling lollipops in school at 13
What it taught me: The sales process to ensure repeat customers; simple market economics like supply and demand (particularly the demand for sugar around 1pm during a school day); encouragement to test out new projects and business ideas.

Current Company and position: Growth & Acquisitions at Medical Imaging Specialists
Best advice you could give someone starting out: Experiment, be deeply analytical and surround yourself with great people.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me: 1) I'm (slowly) building up my hours toward my Private Pilot License. 2) I competed in the World Handball Championships in Canada in 2006. 3) If I was to retire it would be to Austin, Texas.

Gavin McMahon
Where you live: Brooklyn, NY
Place of Birth: Cork, Ireland
Age: 29
Status: Married
Family: Wife, Katie; Parents, Tom & Nora; Sister, Laura
First Job: Selling lollipops in school at 13
What it taught me: The sales process to ensure repeat customers; simple sundae market economics like supply and demand (particularly the demand for sugar around 1pm during a school day); encouragement to test out new projects and business ideas.

Current Company and position: Company: NBC Universal; Position: Digital Supervisor, "Harry" (Harry Connick, Jr.'s Personal Brand)
Best advice you could give someone starting out: Tell them! More than likely, it'll be their honor to be your mentor. Maintain your outside friendships but don't let them hold you back.

Maurice Lawrence "Chipp" Naylor IV
Where you live: Norfolk, VA
Place of Birth: Buffalo, NY
Age: 29
Status: Married
Family: Wife, Jenna (married May '15)
First Job: Caddy
What it taught me: Being a caddy taught me the roles, early mornings, hard work, and confidence play in success.

Current Company and position: Infantry Officer, United States Marine Corps
Best advice you could give someone starting out: 1) No one is entitled to success; if you want something, set clear, attainable goals and work hard to achieve them; 2) Always be prepared, that is, serve some noble cause greater than yourself.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me: 1) I plan on teaching high school history and coaching rugby when I finish my service in the Marines. 2) My wife's parents only speak Russian, so I'm trying to learn Russian. 3) At some point in the future, I'd like to open my own rugby-focused high school for at-risk youth.

Caitlin McNeill
Where you live: Manhattan
Place of Birth: Brooklyn
Age: 27
Family: 2 older brothers and 1 older sister
First Job: Assistant dance teacher
What it taught me: Teaching both kids and adults how to dance taught me to have patience and how to break things down. When you know something really well yourself, it can be difficult to show others because they can't see what you can do; each little piece that goes into one move. Everyone learns differently.

Current Company and position: New York City Department of Education - Speech Language Pathologist
Best advice you could give someone starting out: Fight for what you believe in and what's right. Always stand up for yourself.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me: 1) I love pickle juice. 2) I have performed at Carnegie Hall. 3) I don't like movies.

Caitlin McNeill, 27, was born and raised in Greenpoint, Brooklyn and now resides in Manhattan. She graduated from St. Joseph's College, Summa Cum Laude, with degrees in General Education, Special Education, and Speech Pathology. Caitlin went on to pursue her Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Long Island University, where she completed the 3-year program in 2.4 years with a GPA of 4.0. After an internship in the Brain Injury Unit at Mt. Sinai Hospital in NYC, Caitlin decided to use her talents to work with preschool and school-aged children. Growing up in a predominately Polish community, Caitlin was able to maintain a strong connection to her Irish roots through Irish dancing. She is very fortunate to have had countless opportunities and have met so many wonderful people over the years. Caitlin is the daughter of Michele and Christopher Moloney. Caitlin's Greenfields of America Tour, as well as toured with the Prodigals, the McLean Avenue Band, and the Andy Cooney Band. She has appeared on many television programs, including Fox and Friends, the Today Show, and the CBS morning show. One of the highlights of Caitlin's dancing career is performing at Carnegie Hall! In 2011, Caitlin represented New York City in the Rose of Tralee International pageant. She currently works full time as a Speech-Language Pathologist, teaches Irish dancing, and performs regularly.
We congratulate our Chicago award winners — Tom ’05 & Mike ’07 Tully and Sean MacCready on receiving the Irish Echo Newspaper’s Irish 40 under 40 Award.

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We Congratulate all the Honorees of the 2017 “40 under 40”

Congratulations to Neal Costello, CFA
and all the other honorees for being selected to the Irish Echo Top 40 Under 40 for 2017.

All the years of mowing lawns, driving the Zamboni, and working at the general store in Canada have instilled in you a work ethic that is admirable. It has taught you that through adequate work you can achieve success on Wall Street or in Hong Kong, London, and even Amsterdam. Your greatest achievement is your family. Special thanks to Lindsay, Ryan and Lauren for allowing Daddy to attend in person! And do not forget Kevin. He has put up with you for his entire life.

Neal, we love you. We are proud to know you and call you our friend. No one deserves this more than you.

Now rest up!
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It was hard, physical work but it was also enjoyable to get the importance of hard work and being a reliable part of a team. It might sound like a cliché, but this job really taught me the sound like a cliché, but this job really taught me the value of hard work and being a reliable part of a team. It taught me that there’s no substitute for good customer service, learning to work with people, especially when they’re difficult, is a great skill to have. Also, don’t miss out on $1 flip flops!

Best advice you could give some one starting out: Work hard and take initiative, but don’t put so much pressure on yourself to have all the answers in the beginning. Seek out people that you admire and can learn from.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me: 1. I bought Guns’N'Roses Appetite for Destruction on tape at 17. 2. Have never drank tea and coffee or eaten cabbage. 3. Youngest of 6 boys but the tallest.

Kieran hails from the small village of Cappawhite in County Tipperary. As the youngest of six children, he has his parents, Tom and Eileen, and he grew up playing hurling, football and soccer. He turned to basketball at age 14 and at 17 made his debut for Ireland on the Junior Men’s team. He continued to play for Ireland during his Men’s level and played in various European Championships tournaments and World University Games. He received a full athletic scholarship to attend college in the US and played basketball, soccer and ran cross country competitively. He graduated from Post University in CT with a degree in Finance and Statistics in 2000. His first job was to work at Lehman Brothers for fellow Irishman, Mike Brewster, in the Global Credit Structuring and Sales in London, where he managed the largest banking relationships in the credit risk management space over the course of 7 years. He has held similar posts at Genpact and Axiom Global. Currently he is the SVP of Global Sales and Account Management at Catchpoint Solutions Enterprise Sales - Financial Services.

Kieran is the very proud father of three active kids and is very fortunate to have an amazing wife Jen who has been an incredible best friend and loving wife for the past 12 years.


Aoife Reid
Where you live: Woodside, NY
Place of Birth: Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, Ireland
Status: single
Family: Daughter of Sgt. Pat; M. Reid (deceased) and Rosemarie Reid. Two younger brothers - Connor Reid (data analyst with ProcessOne) and Eoghan Reid (Garda Siochana).
First Job: Shop Assistant
What it taught me: The value of money!

Current Company and position: Partner at McMahon Martine & Gallagher LLP

Aoife, originally from Letterkenny, graduated with an Honors Law Degree from University College Dublin in 2003. After taking a sabbatical year to work and travel she sat the New York Bar Exam and was admitted to the Bar in 2006. In the same year she began working at McMahon Martine Martine & Gallagher LLP, where she oversees and teaches her practice on construction site accident litigation, premises liability matters, insurance coverage liability, property damage litigation and automobile litigation. Aoife also oversees the day-to-day operations of the firm, and is actively engaged in the hiring and training of new attorneys.
Congratulations to Worcester County Sheriff's Office
Director of Community Outreach
Shawn McKenna
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Congratulations Kevin Conlon on being selected as one of the Irish Echo’s Top 40 under 40 for 2017
Love, Kate
Devlin M. Sheehan
W ere you live: Holyoke, Massachusetts
P lace of Birth: Holyoke, Massachusetts
Age: 34
First Job: Sunday Paper Carrier
What it taught me: Delivering the newspaper taught me the importance of punctuality and hard work.
Best advice you could give someone starting out: Have a positive attitude and know that it is okay if you do not love your first job yet as an adult.
Three things people would be surprised to know about me: 1. I play the violin. 2. I worked as the Dublin Senior Football Team Doctor. 3. My brother Patrick is a member of the Irish Repertory Theatre and performed in Frank McCourt's "The Irish and How They Got That Way".

William Shields
W here you live: Oxford, United Kingdom
P lace of Birth: Jackson Heights, NY
Age: 39
S tatus: Single
F amily: parents: Anne, Bill, Mary, Patrick, John.
First Job: Burger King, W Hàngatan Avenue.
What it taught me: As a high school student working in Burger King, I gained valuable experience in customer service and taught me the value of hard work.

Eric Silva
W here you live: Washington, D.C.
P lace of Birth: Boston, Massachusetts
Age: 38
F amily: Eric's family is a classic Boston mix – Irish, Portuguese and Sicilian, and as his 96-year-old grandfather reminds him, he is mostly Irish... His grand-aunt, the south of a family (Cotter) is from Charlestown and his g r a n d m o t h e r ' s (Fitzpatrick) from East Boston.
First Job: Pumping gas, fixing flats and changing oil
What it taught me: Books and classrooms can only teach us a small amount of life's lessons.

Eileen Tully
W here you live: Yonkers, New York
P lace of Birth: Tipperary, Ireland
Age: 37
S tatus: Married
F amily: Married to Tim, 3 children: Colin, Emily, Mike
First Job: Throughout my school years I worked in burger joints/waitressed/bartended in the Tipperary Inn, Toomevara.
What it taught me: I learned the value of hard work and dedication.

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William Patrick Shields was born at Long Island Jewish Hospital, Queens. His father Bill is from Astoria and his mother Anne is from Dublin. William and his two brothers John and Patrick and his sister Mary grew up in Wantagh, New York. All attended the Wantagh Public Schools. William studied Irish music under Sean Quinn in New Hyde Park. Mary is a Cardiology Fellow, at University of Virginia; John is a Urology Fellow at the University of Florida at Gainesville. John is also an inventor of medical devices. Patrick is a student at The Royal College of Surgeons medical school in Dublin. William credits his public school education for preparing him and his siblings for their medical careers. William would like to thank his parents and his brother Patrick for their medical careers. William is especially grateful to The Irish Echo for awarding him this honor. William will be returning to the United States to practice Urology in 2017 and this Irish Echo Award will be proudly and prominently referenced in his resume.

Eric Silva
W here you live: Washington, D.C.
P lace of Birth: Boston, Massachusetts
Age: 38
F amily: Eric's family is a classic Boston mix – Irish, Portuguese and Sicilian, and as his 96-year-old grandfather reminds him, he is mostly Irish... His grand-aunt, the south of a family (Cotter) is from Charlestown and his g r a n d m o t h e r ' s (Fitzpatrick) from East Boston.
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What it taught me: I learned the value of hard work and dedication.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me: 1. At the age of 2 I captained a hurling team. I was 1 of 2 girls on the team. That year we won the North Final and the County Final! 2. I backpacked around Australia for a year. 3. I was an intern in the church at the age of 9.

Eileen grew up on a farm in the beautiful countryside of Toomevara, Co. Tipperary. She is the eldest of six children including two sets of twins! Eileen's early career saw her climb the ladder in the banking sector achieving Senior Bank Official. Whilst rewarding and challenging, Eileen's true passion lies in the make-up and beauty industry and so Eileen took the plunge and transplantation is "like passing the finish line". She trained at the world-renowned Varsity in York City, somewhat to the gratitude of her husband, also Tipperary-born, Tim Tully, whom she met whilst on her travels. She is very fortunate to have worked with John and Justin Slattery at Slattery's Midtown Pub. Eileen continues to work there as an Event Manager and part-time beauty advisor. Eileen and Tim now have three amazing children and live in the popular suburb, Yonkers. Her children are very involved in the Irish community through Irish dance and Irish music. Eileen is now pursuing a beauty therapy career and has since established her own freelance business, Suil Eile Make-up.
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Michael Tully
Where you live: New York, NY
Place of Birth: Chicago, IL
Age: 30
Family: Parents - Tom & Ellen Tully; 4 Sisters - Brónagh, Kelly, Maggie, and Lora;
Brother; Michael Tully II - Sister.
Status: Single
What it taught me: Nothing is as valuable as a good mentor.
Current Company and position: Hunter Peak Investments - Managing Director
Best advice you could give someone starting out: Always ask for more work, older people love to be mentors if you are curious.

Something people would be surprised to know about me:
I attended 3 Catholic universities in New York. I served as President of my university's Irish Society during college. I also served as President of the Irish Society of North America and the Irish American Heritage Foundation.

Thomas Tully Jr.
Where you live: Chicago, IL
Age: 30
Status: Single
Family: Thomas Tully Sr – Father; Ellen Danaher Tully – Mother; Bridget Maureen Tully – Sister; Matthew Danaher Tully – Brother; Michael Tully II – Brother; Katherine Ellen Tully – Sister.
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Michael Walsh
Where you live: New York City
Place of Birth: Chicago, Illinois
Age: 39
Status: Married
Family: Family is from Clarenmorris. My father was a notable Gaelic football player and successful businessman. My sister (Maureen) runs a care home and has a 93 year old Pop Pop in Pittsburgh, and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins who are always there for me. And my dearest, Kelly.
What it taught me: Loyalty, teamwork and the importance of relationships.
Current Company and position: Director, Transition Management Sales at BTIG, LLC
Best advice you could give someone starting out: Don’t cut corners – the only way out is through.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me:
1. Throughout my life I have been bestowed 5 nicknames that people still call me - Moore, Howzer, Fludcer, Uncle and The Mayor.
2. I play the trumpet (and, yes, I even went to band camp).
3. Aspiring bongo golfer.

Daniel Howell
Place of Birth: Rockville Centre, New York
Age: 34
Status: In a Relationship
Family: Amazing and supportive parents, Peggy and Bill. The best younger brother and sister a guy could ask for, last name and Maggie, as well as a 93 year old Pop Pop in Pittsburgh, and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins who are always there for me.
What it taught me: Loyalty, teamwork and the importance of relationships.
Current Company and position: Director, Transition Management Sales at BTIG, LLC
Best advice you could give someone starting out: Don’t cut corners – the only way out is through.

Three things people would be surprised to know about me:
1. I captained Boston College’s Swim Team.
2. I worked for a sports agent during my college years.
3. I’m a big PINK and Lady Gaga fan.

Michael Walsh is an Irish-American physician-scientist and former Division I collegiate athlete. Dr. Walsh is a faculty member at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, where he specializes in treating childhood and family members who are predisposed to cancer. Dr. Walsh gained significant recognition as co-lead author of two New England Journal of Medicine papers describing children and men predisposed to certain cancers. Dr. Walsh’s wife Maria Cancio is also a physician scientist specializing in pediatric bone marrow transplant at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Drs. Walsh and Cancio live with their son Michael Fernando and dog Ecomo on the Upper East Side of Manhattan.
Theresa Flanagan-Murtagh
Year honored: 2008
What are you doing now?
I am still practicing law and remain very much involved in our family construction company-Murtagh Bros. Inc. I am very involved with charity work. I have recently served as emcee and auctioneer for the Little Sisters of the Poor in Philadelphia and for City Team (a food kitchen and recovery center in Chester, PA). I serve as a board member for my local hospital (Riddle Hospital) and as a board member of the Irish American Business Chamber and Network in Philadelphia. I am also a Trustee at St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia. I still perform with my Irish Band (The Theresa Flanagan Band) playing at my parish church. In my spare time, my husband and I are raising our three children ages 14, 13 and 12 (Seamus, Colleen and Patrick)!!

Steve King
Year honored: 2015
What are you doing now?
I am a Housing Policy Researcher at the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development

Sinead Naughton
Year honored: 2010
What are you doing now? Operating partner of The Churchill Tavern

Sharon Brady
Year honored: 2014
What are you doing now?
Since receiving the Top 40 Under 40 Shaping Young Minds Award, I have stayed involved within the community. Shortly after this prestigious award, I joined up with some people in the community to promote the Scór na nÓg here in New York. I was selected as Treasurer. This is the first Scór competition to take place outside of Ireland. The competition has grown from strength to strength. All of our first place winners were given the opportunity to perform at Symphony Space in New York City last fall. In 2016, I was elected President of the County Leitrim Society of New York; the youngest member to date to hold such an office, I was chosen as the 2016 New York Mary From Dungloe, where I had the opportunity to represent NY at the Mary From Dungloe International Festival this past summer, and I have run 5 marathons in one year, having run my first marathon (NYC) fundraising for American Special Children’s Pilgrimage Group (ASCPG) to help send special needs children and young adults to Lourdes, France on a religious pilgrimage at Easter time. I plan on running a marathon in every state. I am continuing my studies by working towards a Second Master’s degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Sean Riordan
Year honored: 2011
What are you doing now?
I am currently a Senior Partner at McIntyre, Donohue, Accardi, Salmonson & Riordan, LLP (“MDASR”) and enjoying time with my lovely wife Elizabeth and our children Isabella & Jackson. Our law firm continues to represent injured workers in pursuit of their Workers’ Compensation, Disability Pension and Social Security rights and has expanded to 7 offices throughout lower New York to serve our clients’ needs more effectively. I am pleased and honored to continue volunteering as a Vice President with the NYC Broh’n, an organization dedicated to peace and justice in Northern Ireland.

Pat O’Keefe
Year honored: 2016
What are you doing now?
I am the Sports Director and Anchor for News 12 The Bronx and News 12 Brooklyn, a position I have held for the past 9 years. Additionally, I work for MSG Network as one of the hosts for the pregame/halftime/postgame shows for New York Knicks radio broadcasts (and some New York Rangers broadcasts as well).

Orla Kelleher
Year honored: 2013
What are you doing now?
I am currently/still the Executive Director at Aisling Irish Community Center. Alas, I am no longer under 40!

Nicola Parish
Year honored: 2012
What are you doing now?
Four years on, my company is continuing to grow. We’ve expanded our client list exponentially, and continue to focus on film premieres. We now work with almost all of the film studios in the U.S., including Warner Bros., Disney, 20th Century Fox, Lionsgate, Summit, Focus, Paramount, Hulu, Netflix, Amazon, CBS Films, Open Road Studios among others. We have worked on many major motion picture premieres including, Star Wars: The Force Awakens, Captain America: Civil War, Finding Dory, Ghostbusters and many, many more!

Mathew Tully
Year honored: 2009
What are you doing now?
My law firm has grown from just me to just over 75 attorneys across upstate New York, California, and Washington DC in the last 10 years. We are hoping to open a New York City office in early 2017. If you want a job, please reach out to me and mention “Irish Echo” for expedited processing!

Clodagh Boyle
Year honored: 2016
What are you doing now?
Clodagh works as Vice President of Marketing & Business Development with InkHouse, an award-winning public relations and content marketing agency based out of Boston, San Francisco and New York. She leads all inbound and outbound marketing strategy with an emphasis on new business activity, overseeing marketing communications including brand, public relations, advertising, thought leadership and collateral, online presence and events. She also directs the growing InkHouse Design group. Outside of work, Clodagh chairs the associate board of Self Help Africa, Boston, and supports The American Ireland Fund Young Leaders.

Clancy Boylan
Year honored: 2013
What are you doing now?
Since getting the award, I opened a new office for my law firm in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I was also selected as a 2016 Pennsylvania Super Lawyer Rising Star, an honor that goes to only 2.5% of practicing lawyers under the age of 40. But I am most proud to report that my wife Abigail and I welcomed our baby girl to the world on December 22, 2015 - Baby Lucille Boylan - and we are expecting our second in April! Cheers!

Bernadette McCabe Kelly
Year honored: 2010
What are you doing now?
Bernadette McCabe is the Senior Vice President, Business Strategy at Screenvision Media, overseeing the long-term deal structures for the company’s network of over 150 exhibitor partners and she provides strategic and financial insights into the exhibition industry. She also analyzes strategic opportunities and partnerships. She joined Screenvision in 2005 and began her career as an Equity Research Associate at the asset management firms of W.F. Stewart Asset Management and Sustainable Growth Advisers.

Byrne is a member of The Motion Picture Club, New York Women in Film and Television and has served on the board of Young Variety of New York. She has been recognized by The Irish Voice as a Woman of Influence, named by The Irish Echo to its Top 40 Under 40, and recognized by The Irish Voice as a Woman of Influence, the board of Young Variety of New York. She has been recognized by The Irish Voice as a Woman of Influence, named by The Irish Echo to its Top 40 Under 40, and awarded the American Ireland Fund’s Young Leader of the Year. Bernadette graduated from Fairfield University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies, with concentrations in Italian and Art History. She also studied at the Lorenzo de Medici Institute in Florence, Italy.

Carlson
Year honored: 2012
What are you doing now? Since being named to the 40 Under 40 list in 2012, Sean Carlson married Cathlin Olszewski at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in her hometown of Grand Rapids, Michigan and hosted a second celebration with family in Ireland at the Listowel Arms in Listowel, County Kerry. They live in the East Village of Manhattan. Still working on his first book, Sean’s essays have appeared in the Irish Times, the New York Daily News, USA Today, and elsewhere. He received a Lowell Thomas Travel Journalism Award from the Society of American Travel Writers Foundation. In addition to managing editorial and special projects with Yahoo, he mentors and leads training programs with the International Center for Journalists. Sean is a 2016-2017 nonfiction fellow at the Writers’ Institute at the City University of New York and serves on the board of directors for the nonprofit Irish American Writers & Artists.
40 Under 40 Awards marks ninth year

Rosie O’Grady’s in Manhattan was the popular venue for last year’s Irish Echo 40 Under 40 Awards. Award winners flew in from as far afield as California, Georgia, Illinois and Colorado. Photos by Vera Hoar.

Honorees Brian Boland, Tom O’Boyle, Jessica Houghton, John T Ryan, Máire Walsh, Thomas Walsh and Erin Rice enjoying the evening.

Honorees William Lee III, Kelly Jones, Bill, Kelly, Nicholas Malito, Kevin Lowe and Steven King.

Honorees Patrick O’Keefe, Alan McNamara, David Moylan, Ryan Mahoney and Michael Macaluso.

Randall Anderson, Brianna Coughlan, Stephen Heck, Honoree Kelley Coughlan, Meaghan Coughlan, and Christian Treat.

Honorees Bill Lee and Nicholas Malito with fellow Irish Business Organization members.

Honoree Tom O’Boyle with his parents Charlie and Madeline, and brothers, Brian and Charlie, Jr.


America’s Advocate Award Honoree Thomas Meara, with Irish Echo Publisher Mairtin O’Muilleoir and NY State Representative, Edward Braunstein.
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