

# 20 Under 40: Dena Turner



**Dena M. Turner is Real Estate Broker and a recipient of the 20 Under 40 award. SUBMITTED PHOTO**

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GALESBURG — This week’s recipient of the Young Professionals of Galesburg and the Galesburg Area Chamber of Commerce’s “20 Under 40” award to be profiled is Dena M. Turner, a licensed Real Estate Broker.

Turner was born and raised in Galesburg into a family with long standing Galesburg roots. Her father retired as captain with the Galesburg Police Department and grandfather as chief of the Galesburg Fire Department. Her husband is also a Galesburg native whose family owned a long respected business, Turner Pharmacy.

According to her nomination, Turner “always had an appreciation for our community, shared with all she encounters in her infectious positive attitude.

“Through her strong work ethic, high energy and ever present outstretched hand of help, she has balanced her personal and business lives to achieve success in both,” the nomination states.

“Dena is the epitome of a team player, for her office and community and plays to win for the betterment of all.”

Here’s more about Turner in her own words:

## **Q. What do you do in your current position?**

**A.** I represent Buyers and Sellers with personal, investment, and commercial properties. Currently I am President Elect of the West Central Chapter of the Capital Area Association of Realtors.

## **Q. How are you involved in the community?**

**A.** I’m a member of the Galesburg Noon Rotary Club, CASA advocate, BNI Chapter Vice President, member of the National Association of Realtors, member of the Illinois Association of Realtors.

## **Q. Of what achievement are you most proud?**

**A.** Being nominated by local area Realtors to be their upcoming president and chapter representative for the Capital Area Association in Springfield.

## **Q. What advice do you have for other young professionals?**

**A.** Find your niche. Do what you love and have a passion for and you will find success.

## **Q. What’s the most important thing people should know about your community?**

**A.** Through the ups and downs of the economy, Galesburg has always prevailed and continues to remain strong and is thriving.

**Dena M. Turner** Age: 36 Residence: Galesburg Profession: Licensed Real Estate Broker Education: Bachelor’s degree Family: Husband, Adam Turner; three kids, Carson, Avery and Alllison

**About the award** The Young Professionals of Galesburg and the Galesburg Area Chamber of Commerce have launched the “20 Under 40” award. This award honors 20 individuals under the age of 40 considered to be “movers and shakers” in the community. Honorees will be profiled each week through Jan. 31, 2016, in The Register-Mail. They will be included in a special supplement in February 2016, in addition to being recognized at the chamber’s annual dinner to be held in February 2016.The 20 honorees are judged on their outstanding career achievements and community impact. A panel of judges evaluated each nomination on information provided in the following categories: Reason for nomination, career achievements/special awards and recognition, community involvement, volunteerism and community service leadership skills.