

# 20 Under 40 Award: Rocky Caulkins demonstrates leadership, resolve, integrity



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Rocky Caulkins is the comptroller at Dave's Autobody and recipient of the 20 Under 40 award

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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 Charles "Rocky" Caulkins, comptroller at Dave's Autobody.

According to the nomination, Caulkins "consistently demonstrates leadership, resolve, and integrity in all he does. Whatever Rocky Caulkins is involved in, he commits to. He is looked to as a leader by everyone he comes into contact with."

Caulkins is active with Northwoods Community Church, Cub Scouts, and has served as a class leader for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University.

A native of Woodhull, Caulkins "is a prime example of the 'homegrown' young professionals that we have in our community."

Here's more about Caulkins in his own words:

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

**A.** I am in charge of everything accounting associated with Dave's Autobody and I also assist with running the daily operations and management of the company. I enjoy assisting the employees of Dave's Autobody with needs they may have.

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

**A.** I enjoy being involved in several activities in our community. Currently I am a Webelos 1 den leader with my son's Cub Scout Pack 317 and an assistant Scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 316. I am a Fourth Sunday barista along with Josh Gibb at Northwoods Community Church and an IHSA official for football and basketball. I travel around the community officiating for high school games as well as several JFL football leagues and youth basketball leagues. I enjoy coaching any sport my children are participating in through the YMCA of Knox County. Annually I help with behind the scenes preparation of the Run Galesburg Run events and on race day my team of volunteers and I are in charge of setting up the race course cones at 4:30 in the morning. My wife Georgia and I have lead several Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University classes at Northwoods Community Church.

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

**A.** The achievement I am most proud of is being affiliated with Dave's Autobody, a business that has been around for over 30 years. Dave's Autobody is well known for great community involvement. I am proud to tell people that I am an employee at Dave's Autobody and look forward to continuing the great expectations that have been set forth for us as leaders at Dave's Autobody for another 30 years.

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

**A.** Surround yourself with mentors and team members that are professional at what they do no matter what it is. Look up to them, ask lots of questions and take notes. This will help you as you go down your career path. Always strive to improve yourself in any way you can. One way that has helped me with this is to attend leadership conferences and other training seminars and then find yourself someone to mentor. It is a blessing to pass along some of the knowledge that you have received to another individual.

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

**A.** I think that our community has a lot to offer with entertainment, dining, education and shopping. Downtown Galesburg is a really nice place to go and walk around with all of the shops and restaurants. The building updates District 205 is doing to the schools are a great thing for our children and will help draw more people to Galesburg. My wife Georgia and I are proud to raise our family here and call Galesburg home.

## **Bio**

**Rocky Caulkins****Age:** 35**Residence:** Galesburg**Profession:** Comptroller at Dave's Auto Body**Education:** Associate's degree in accounting from Carl Sandburg College**Family:** Wife, Georgia, and three children, Blake, Callie Ann, and Maci

**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. Two people will be chosen from the 20 as Man of the Year and Woman of the Year. 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.