

# 20 Under 40: Paulsgrove makes it priority to give back to community



Jason Paulsgrove is the owner of Midwest Uniform Supply in Galesburg.  
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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 Jason Paulsgrove, president of Midwest Uniform Supply.

The nomination form for Paulsgrove is that he's a "true go getter."

"Jason is a wonderful addition to the young professionals in Galesburg and makes it a priority to give back to the community also," according to the nomination form.

Here's more about Paulsgrove in his own words:

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

**A.** I am the owner of Midwest Uniform Supply, Inc in Galesburg and Peoria. Most of my time is now focused on outside sales and our group/corporate business. I am currently overseeing the remodel and expansion of the Peoria location to add 1,450 more square feet to the retail store. With our online sales division growing I spend a lot of time keeping several web sites up to date with new product and information. I currently also serve as the president of the Uniform Retailers Association, a national trade association that represents independent uniform retailers. As president, I help to organize the annual trade/fashion show and help communicate the needs of independent retailers to the uniform manufacturers.

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

**A.** I am the President of the Board of Directors for the Discovery Depot Children's Museum. I am active with the Chamber of Commerce and the Young Professionals of Galesburg. I am a former board member of YPG and I participated in the most recent fundraiser for CASA during their lip sync battle. I also serve on the board of Soangetaha Country Club.

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

**A.** I am most proud of building my business in Galesburg, from my initial idea in 2004 to designing and building my new store on a previously vacant lot in 2015. The best part of this for me was achieving this in my hometown.

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

**A.** If you have an idea, get started now. There are many assets in our community available to help those looking to get started. If you want to be successful, you have to work hard. It is up to you to put in the long hours and hard work. Hustle.

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

**A.** Galesburg is a great place to call home and do business. Whether you want to open your own business or go to work and grow with any of the great companies in Galesburg, there is plenty of opportunity.

• **Jason Paulsgrove** Age: 35 Residence: Galesburg Profession: President/owner Midwest Uniform Supply Education: Monmouth College

**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.