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During the 2018 Union Leader 40 Under Forty awards night held at the Grappone Center in Concord on Wednesday evening, Katherine Morneau, right, of Manchester, gets a lovely bouquet of flowers from colleague Sarah Paris during the event.

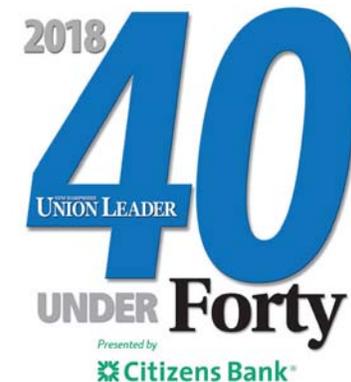
Class of 2018: 40 under Forty honorees make NH a better place to live and work

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TAKING THEIR places in the ranks of honorees considered among the state's top political and community leaders, members of the 2018 class of the New Hampshire Union Leader 40 Under Forty were honored during a ceremony Wednesday night at the Grappone Conference Center.

The program, now in its 17th year, honors New Hampshire residents who have achieved professional and volunteer ac-



complishments in the state.

Past honorees include former U.S. Sen. John E. Sununu, former St. Louis Cardinals pitcher and Cy Young Award

winner Chris Carpenter and Olympic gold medalist skier Bode Miller.

"I'm honored to be recognized for doing something I enjoy doing, and would be happy to do regardless of my vocation," said Lauren Collins-Cline, director of communications and public relations at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester. "I think the quality of this year's class is indicative of the under 40 crowd in New Hampshire. We hear a lot about the graying of the state, and an event like this spotlights what the younger

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generation is accomplishing.”

“Going through the list of honorees, it is an incredibly impressive list,” said Gov. Chris Sununu. “The sky is the limit in New Hampshire. You have the ability to do anything here and it’s our responsibility as government officials to make sure the doors are open to you. This state is about opportunity. You are here because you made the best of it.”

The 28 women and 12 men chosen for the 2018 Class of 40 Under Forty have made professional and personal contributions to make New Hampshire a better place to live and work. This year’s group includes four people in their 20s; 16 between 30 and 35; and 20 between 36 and 39 — including nine 39-year-olds.

The most popular profession in this year’s class is attorney, the listed occupation for four of the honorees. They represent a very diverse workforce — real estate, health care, arts and entertainment, state politics, retail, accounting, insurance, finance, education and coaching, engineering, advocacy, promoting New Hampshire.

“You’ve done a lot to get here,” said New Hampshire Union Leader Executive Editor Trent Spiner. “Every year we are just amazed at your stories, and the things you have done and achieved. I am even more amazed at what you will go on to do.”

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40 Under Forty honoree Will Craig of Manchester is all smiles after receiving his award from Union Leader Publisher Joe McQuaid and New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu.

said Dylan Cruess, principal and chief operating officer of TFMoran Inc. “You see the people who have been recognized before you, and it’s an honor to be a part of that group.”

“I’m honored to be chosen, and to be a good role model for my kids,” said Jessica Bond, program director for Ascentria Care Alliance Therapeutic Family Connections Program. “I’m happy for the opportunity to help put a spotlight on the need for foster care in New Hampshire.”

“It’s a great class,” said Will Craig, community relations and economic development specialist with Eversource. “It’s a nice

opportunity to recognize a great group of people for the good work they do around the state.”

Nominations for this year’s honorees were gathered in the fall. Nominees had to be younger than 40 as of Feb. 1, have lived in the state for at least three years, and have made professional and personal contributions to making New Hampshire a better place.

Citizens Bank sponsored the 2018 40 Under Forty Awards.