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HARRISBURG YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HIGHLIGHTS SUCCESSES OF 2020
Harrisburg Young Professionals 2021 Annual Meeting

HARRISBURG, Pa. (2/25/21) – On February 22, 2021, Harrisburg Young Professionals (HYP) hosted its annual meeting virtually to share the organization’s 2020 successes and 2021 plans. Keynote speaker Jeannine Peterson of Hamilton Health Center spoke to attendees about the importance of overcoming challenges, specifically those presented by COVID-19.

“This situation will pass. We will come through this stronger than we ever were before,” Peterson said.

Joe Massaro of Hilton Harrisburg also addressed attendees and expressed that HYP can help the Harrisburg community through difficult times.

“Let’s continue to be creative virtually while we need to,” Massaro said.

A significant portion of the Annual Meeting recognized partners and community leaders who impacted the development and improvement of the city of Harrisburg.

Awards Presented included:

- Female Athlete of the Year: Lauren Kraynack
- Male Athlete of the Year: Brian Bustos
- Member of the Year: Amy Moore Bennetch
- Community Engagement Award: Wildheart Ministries
- Project of the Year: Harrisburg University and the late Dr. Charles “Chip” Shearrow
- Business of the Year: andculture
- 2020 President’s Award: Harrisburg Regional Chamber and CREDC

Harrisburg Young Professionals also shared their vision for 2021, the organization’s 23rd year.

HYP President Sydney Kyler acknowledged the challenges presented by COVID-19 and the need to come together as a community.

“The pandemic has reminded us of the importance of connection,” Kyler said. “We’re built to be together, to work together, to enjoy together.”

The organization also announced a new initiative to help young professionals impacted by COVID-19. The COVID-19 Professional Development Fund serves to provide free annual HYP memberships throughout 2021 to help those affected by the pandemic.

Midtown Cinema sponsored this event.

Harrisburg Young Professionals - Harrisburg Young Professionals (HYP) is a group of young, active, civic-minded professionals who have a clear vision of Harrisburg's future as a great place to live, work and play. We are part of a movement that is breathing new life into urban areas and lessening the negative impact of suburban sprawl. We also work to prevent the migration of educated young people to larger cities (often referred to as "brain drain") and encourage those who have left to return to the Central Pennsylvania region.