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HONORING OUR YOUNG LEADERS

Welcome to the *Business Journal's* annual 40 Under 40 Awards section, an honors section that illustrates how excellence in business knows no age limit.

The program recognizes business leaders, age 39 or younger, who have made significant impacts in their fields of expertise, their companies and local communities.

These diverse young men and women lead businesses and organizations across a variety of fields key to South Florida's economic growth, including education, health care, hospitality, real estate, sports and technology.

And despite their busy schedules, these executives find time to give back. Nonprofit organizations that benefit from their involvement include Take Stock in Children, Lotus House, Toys for Tots, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Roots of Hope and the United Way.

Vetting the nominations for this honor is always a major undertaking, as there is no shortage of talented young leaders in our region. But that's what makes reviewing their contributions to business and our community so rewarding.

Due to public health guidelines to help curb the spread of Covid-19, the 40 Under 40 Class of 2020 was feted at a virtual lunchtime event on Aug. 14. The program was presented by the Florida International University College of Business, with corporate sponsor Wells Fargo.

Congratulations to all of the honorees.

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2020 HONOREES

REGINALD ANDRE	18	LUIS E. LLAMAS	26
MICHELLE BOGGS	18	TONY LOPEZ	26
MICHAEL ALAN CASSEL	18	HADAS MIZRAHI	27
LINKEN NIGEL D'SOUZA	18	RAUL FRANCISCO MOAS	27
JOHNNY DE LA ESPRIELLA	20	JESSICA MOBASSALEH	28
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DANNY ELFENBEIN	20	OSCAR MOREJON	28
YUDI FERNANDEZ	20	RYAN CHARLES PAPY	28
DAVE GLASSER	22	JONATHAN EDWARD PERESS	29
ALAN GOLDSMITH	22	CLAUDIA PRADO	29
LAZARO GUTIERREZ	22	KIMBERLY LYNN ROMETO	30
KRISTA HAWKINSON	22	CHASE CHRISTOPHER SAMMONS	30
LACEY DIGGS HOFMEYER	23	SCOTT SHERMAN	31
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ADAM JONES	24	JAIME STURGIS	32
DEREK KAPLAN	24	RAYNER URDANETA	32
RICHARD LAVINA	24	RENE VARGAS	33
ANDREW JAMES LENAHAN	24	BRAD WILLIAMSON	33
TAYLOR G. LEVY	25	ZACH WINKLER	34
WILLIAM B. LEWIS	25	FEDERICO ZUTEL	34

JOHNNY DE LA ESPRIELLA

Regional VP, RKW Residential

forty under 40

AGE

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Education: B.B.A., Florida International University, 2009; MBA, Florida International University, 2015

Birthplace: Colombia

Residence: South Miami

First job: Busboy

Ultimate career goal: Lead or own a property management company

Hot topic in my field: Rent collection and operation protocols during Covid-19

Greatest business achievement: RKW Residential's 50.5% Florida portfolio growth from 2018 to 2020 and expansion into the Orlando and Tampa Bay markets

Civic/charitable organization involvement: South East Florida Apartment Association

Biggest professional mentor: Edward Malone

Best career advice received: You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

Fantasy job: CIA operative

Guilty pleasure: Binge-watching a good action or suspense series

Best stress reliever: Exercise

Favorite book: "The Happiness Advantage" by Shawn Achor

Favorite website: Amazon.com

Favorite local spot: Fratellino, Coral Gables

MY SIX-WORD MEMOIR:

**"Enjoy the ride,
not the destination."**



Congratulations

Johnny De La Espriella

for being honored with the 2020 40 under 40 Award; with deep respect for your continuing brilliance and professional dedication to creating exceptional experiences for our clients, residents and team members.

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