

Denver Business Journal names 2012 Forty under 40 honorees

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More than 300 individuals vied for the Denver Business Journal's 2012 Forty under 40 honors.

That's an increase of more than 100 over last year for this 16th annual event.

After being judged on their business leadership, recognition of accomplishments and community involvement, these are the 40 honorees selected this year.

These winners will be honored at an awards luncheon March 15 at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center Hotel. [Those wishing to attend can register online here.](#)

The keynote speaker will be [Robert A. Katz](#), the chairman of the board and CEO of Vail Resorts Inc.

These 40 rising stars — each under the age of 40 as of March 15 — will be profiled in a special section published in the DBJ's March 16-22 edition.

There were 471 nominations for 307 individuals for the 2012 awards. [Take a look back at who took the honors in 2011 by clicking here.](#)

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- [Jonathan Barnett](#), Oxi Fresh Franchising Co.
 - [Damon Barry](#), CSG Systems.

- [Jeremy Bloom](#), Integrate.
- [Josh Davies](#), The A Game.
- [Lindy Eichenbaum Lent](#), Civic Center Conservancy.
- [Jennifer Erixon](#), Mercy Housing Inc.
- [Keo Frazier](#), Keos Marketing.
- [Arif Gangji](#), Neon Rain Interactive.
- [Eric Gutknecht](#), Continental Sausage.
- [Brooke Hipp](#), Anton Collins Mitchell LLP.
- [Tasha Jones](#), Forest City Stapleton Inc.
- [Elizabeth Jumel](#), Jumel PR.
- [Peter Karpinski](#), Sage Restaurant Group.
- [R. Livingston Keithley](#), Kelly, Stacy & Rita LLC.
- Shebon Kelin, Colorado Technical University.
- [Lenee Koch](#), LEI Companies Inc.
- [Ramona Lampley](#), Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP.
- [John-Paul Maxfield](#), Waste Farmers.
- [Jill McClure](#), Colorado Oil & Gas Association.
- [Frank McNulty](#), Colorado House of Representatives.
- [Myles Mendoza](#), DFER.
- [Sean Moore](#), North Highland.
- [Brian Ondre](#), Cummins Rocky Mountain.
- [Monica Owens](#), Owens Public Affairs LLC .
- [Murugan Palani](#), Xcel Energy.

- [Michael Pytel](#), NIMBL.
- [Kathryn Reilly](#), Husch Blackwell LLP.
- [Meshach Rhoades](#), Kutak Rock LLP / CenturyLink.
- [Kelly Rodriguez](#), Grant Thornton.
- [Rafael Rodriguez](#), Heinrich Marketing/Hispanidad.
- [Melissa Rosas](#), Apex Design.
- [Amy Sherman](#), Northwest Douglas County Economic Development Corp.
- [Patrick Smyth](#), Denver Broncos.
- [Julissa Soto](#), American Diabetes Association.
- [Jeremy Walker](#), Colorado Technical University.
- [Deirdre Wildman Toltz](#), Catering by Design.
- [Edward Wingfield](#), Wingfield Realty.
- [Erin Wright](#), BonaUS.
- [Jesse Yuran](#), SmashBurger LLC.
- [Kyle Zeppelin](#), Zeppelin Development/Taxi.