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San Marcos Area Chamber announces 2024 Shining Stars Under 40 award winners

[October 30, 2024] –The San Marcos Area Chamber is proud to unveil the six exceptional young professionals who have been selected as recipients of the prestigious Shining Stars Under 40 (SSU40) award. These six individuals have demonstrated remarkable dedication to their professions and a commitment to serving the San Marcos community.

The 2024 San Marcos Shining Stars Under 40 award winners are:

- Sheila Beck, AirOne Heating and Air Conditioning
- Cassidy Berenato, Texas Aviation Partners
- Jessica James, Texas State University
- Mike Kamerlander, Hays Caldwell Economic Development Partnership
- Katy Scruton, 3Z Realty
- Thaddeus Watkins, Edward Jones

The SSU40 award, presented by the San Marcos Area Chamber of Commerce, aims to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of young leaders. These awardees have not only achieved significant success in their respective fields but have also demonstrated a deep commitment to improving the San Marcos community.

"We are thrilled to honor these outstanding young professionals who embody the spirit of service and professionalism that makes San Marcos a great place to live," said Page Michel, President & CEO of the San Marcos Area Chamber of Commerce. "Their accomplishments are an inspiration to all, and they represent the future of our community."

The honorees will be celebrated at the San Marcos Area Chamber's Annual Dinner & Awards Gala to be held on Thursday, November 21 at the San Marcos Conference Center at Embassy Suites. This prestigious event will bring together local business leaders, community members, and the award winners' families to celebrate the achievements and contributions of these exceptional young professionals. Details about and photos of these award winners will be featured on Chamber social media in the coming weeks.

For media inquiries or additional information, please contact Communications and PR Manager Joanne Ortega at <u>joanne@sanmarcostexas.com</u> or call (512) 393-5900.

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About the San Marcos Area Chamber of Commerce

Founded in 1903, the Mission of the Chamber is to improve the economic prosperity and quality of life of its members through leadership, education and business advocacy. The Chamber's Vision is to be the leading membership organization that collaborates with stakeholders to develop an environment where businesses thrive, leadership is encouraged, students excel, housing is ample and attainable, all members are active, and quality of life is a priority. More Chamber information is available at SanMarcosTexas.com.