

# 40 UNDER 40

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Pasadena Magazine asked you, our readers, to nominate your friends and colleagues to be recognized for all of their hard work, talent and achievements. After an overwhelming response, we are happy to say that there are so many exceptional individuals we could fill our magazine from cover to cover with them. But as promised, we bring you a list of 40 people that make Pasadena the place to watch for rising stars across a wide variety of categories. They are overachievers, movers and shakers, doers and dreamers, and they're ALL UNDER FORTY!

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## TINA BRYSON

Director of Parenting Education at Dr. Daniel J. Siegel's Mindsight Institute  
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"A PhD from USC, Tina's approaches are clearly scientifically informed—she even teaches parents some basic neuroscience—but what audiences love is her practical, effective, in-the-trenches approach, which often details her own hilarious parenting struggles."

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Business Owner: Puff Beauty Studio  
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## JESSICA HARLEY JAMES

Business Owner: Harley James Cosmetics  
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## SIMONE JOHNSTON

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## KATHY KNISS

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## HAILEY KWON

Business Owner: Dots Cupcakes  
» 626.568.3687 » dotscupcakes.com

"Hailey opened her store on Arroyo two years ago and saw her business explode. Next, she's opening at One Colorado, effectively creating a mini-cupcake empire. She's an example of a great entrepreneur and is an asset to Pasadena."



## MARLEY MAJCHER

Business Owner:  
The Party Goddess!  
» 323.222.8376  
» thepartygoddess.com

"Marley is a fantastic business person. She has become a nationally recognized personality in the party planning arena and has always represented herself, her company and Pasadena with dignity and style!"

## MARIO MAYTORENA

Branch Director: Boys & Girls Clubs of Pasadena  
» 626.798.3925 » bgcpasadena.org



## MATT MCINTYRE

Realtor, Docent at Gamble House  
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"Matt volunteers for local non-profit organizations, including donating over 300 philanthropic hours this year alone. Matt is trustworthy, loyal, informed, generous, organized, pleasant, optimistic, fun, an Eagle Scout and a snazzy dresser!"

## RICHARD MCWHORTER

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## KAREN MIKAELIAN

Business Owner: Scarlet Tea Room  
» 626.577.0051  
» scarlettearoom.com

"Karen Mikaelian is a very giving individual and successful business woman. Her beautiful restaurant always seems to be filled with influential people. Karen never says "no" to non-profit organizations, and her ability to make people smile is a huge talent."

## INGER MILLER

Owner: Miller Hawkins Productions  
» 626.791.1225 » mhpevents.com

## DON MORGAN

Principal, Gary Kaplan & Associates  
» 626.862.6634 » gkasearch.com

## JOANNA NELSON

Co- Business Owner: Frockx Boutique  
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## BRAD PRICE

Director of Development:  
Pasadena Playhouse  
» 626.737.2845  
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"Brad is one of those guys you can't help but like as soon as you meet him. In addition to being a genuine person, he is a tremendous fund-raiser and event planner, and in his other life, a highly skilled stage actor."

## ALAN SIEBENALER

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## KATE SLOAN

Executive at Edison International  
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## CRAIG STRONG

Chef de Cuisine: Dining Room, Langham  
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## JACK TAYLOR

Music Director: Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra, etc.  
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» theorchestras.org

"My favorite thing about Jack is to see the way he works with the kids and the obvious respect and admiration they have for him. Jack's goal for each student that is part of PYSO is for them to have as rewarding an experience as he did."

## MARCI TOOMBS

Business Owner: Lula Mae  
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## KELLY TURNER

Chief Financial Officer:  
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## NISHA VARGHESE, JD, MPP

Director of Community Affairs: Planned Parenthood Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley  
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## ANDRE VENER

Business Owner:  
redwhite+bluezz  
» 626.792.4441  
» redwhitebluezz.com

"Andre has brought a lot to our community through music and contribution to non-profits. He supported over 50 non-profits in 2008 and books over 385 musical events per year."



## AMBER VOELKER

Senior Sales Manager,  
Langham Huntington Hotel  
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"Despite the death of her father at age 9, Amber put herself through college and worked her way through the ranks at Huntington Hotel, where she is currently a Senior Sales Manager. She has been involved with foster care and has donated her time to teaching a wellness seminar at a local Chiropractor office. She is genuinely the sweetest person I have ever met in my life."

## CARMEN VARGAS

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