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ACCE FORTY UNDER 40 AWARD RECIPIENT

Sarah Barden named Forty Under 40 by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives

Alexandria, VA. (November 30, 2023) – Sarah Barden, Director of Community Initiatives at the Tompkins Chamber, has been named to the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) 2023 Forty Under 40 list of emerging leaders shaping the chamber of commerce industry.

This annual recognition program showcases 40 of the industry's top emerging leaders who have demonstrated success in their careers and made significant contributions to the communities they serve. The list includes CEOs and staff professionals from a wide variety of roles and chamber sizes. Honored for their creativity, dedication, and commitment to identifying innovative solutions that will help shape the future of the chamber profession.

"I am inspired by these talented professionals who are making a difference in their organizations and the communities they serve," said ACCE President & CEO Sheree Anne Kelly. "Their passion and dedication not only foster positive change in their regions but also shape a promising future for those they impact."

"Sarah has demonstrated growth, leadership, ingenuity and passion for chamber work and our community. Under their leadership, new members have invested each year, member retention and returning member investments have increased overall," says Tompkins Chamber President Jennifer Tavares. "Sarah is working on several key initiatives for our organization and community, and we are very proud and fortunate to have them as a member of our team."

ACCE has over 1,600 chambers of commerce and related business and economic development organizations as members, representing more than 9,000 professionals in the industry. Eligible chamber professionals must be nominated by their chamber's president/CEO, direct supervisor or board chair. Candidates must demonstrate meaningful involvement in the advancement of their community and proven professional success within their chamber.

The full 2023 Forty Under 40 list was announced publicly in the Fall 2023 edition of *Chamber Executive*, ACCE's digital magazine. View all the honorees online at https://magazine.acce.org/.

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About the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE)
ACCE is the professional society supporting the people who lead local, regional, statewide and international chambers of commerce and related business and economic development organizations. Our membership includes more than 1,600 business/civic organizations worldwide. We provide our members with information resources, thought leadership, education programs, original research, benchmarking, retirement security, and access to a network of peers. Learn more about us by visiting www.ACCE.org.

About the Tompkins Chamber

With over 750 active and courtesy members, the Tompkins Chamber is dedicated to making Tompkins County a great place to live, work, and do business. We are a forward-thinking organization dedicated to promoting business in our region by being the community's nexus. The Tompkins Chamber works to forge links between and among business and government, community organizations, residents and institutions. The mission of the Tompkins Chamber is to foster sustainable economic growth through service to our members, strategic advocacy, workforce development, destination marketing, and quality-of-life investments.