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[Patrick Byrne](#) was promoted last month to risk adviser at M&T Bank.

Patrick has developed a keen focus on cybersecurity and identity and access risk management. He was in charge of researching and improving M&T's crisis management programs throughout 2019.

It turned out to be quite an important job and meant that when the pandemic struck last year, he was able to provide guidance and improve operational processes.

Patrick also led a targeted review of the Paycheck Protection Program in 2020. Rapid response and oversight resulted in bank customers securing nearly \$7 billion in loans at the start of the pandemic.

Patrick is president of the Institute of Internal Auditors WNY Chapter and a three-time Extra Mile Club member of the Ride for Roswell.

Patrick Byrne

Risk adviser, M&T Bank

Age: 26

Born in: Buffalo • **Lives in:** West Seneca

Graduate of: Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School

College: Canisius College

Community involvement: President and chairman, Institute of Internal Auditors WNY Chapter; Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School board; Ride for Roswell Extra Mile Club member

Hobbies: Playing guitar, going to concerts, visiting breweries, working on my home

Before I am 40 I want to: Present my work at a nationally recognized conference

Personal bucket list: Run a marathon

Secret talent: Cooking for friends

Favorite WNY restaurant: Gene McCarthy's

Favorite WNY public place: Cazenovia Park

App you can't live without: Untappd

Favorite food: Wings

Dream mentor: Bill Gates

Prized possession: Taylor acoustic guitar

What does Buffalo need: Ikea store

Self-description: Passionate

Lesson from pandemic: Your voice and opinions matter — no matter what the medium for delivery is.