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Southern Arizona Hispanic Chamber Announces 2026 Class of 40 Under 40 Honorees

Southern Arizona's Most Prestigious Award Honoring the Leaders of Tomorrow

TUCSON, AZ – The Southern Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the recipients of its 2026 40 Under 40 Awards presented by Snell & Wilmer, recognizing forty exceptional young professionals who are making a meaningful impact across Southern Arizona through leadership, innovation, service, and achievement.

The honorees will be celebrated during the 40 Under 40 Awards Breakfast presented by Snell & Wilmer on **Tuesday, August 18, 2026**, at **JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa**. Check-in will begin at **7:30 a.m.**, with the program beginning promptly at **8:30 a.m.**

Widely regarded as Southern Arizona's most prestigious award honoring the leaders of tomorrow, the 40 Under 40 Awards recognizes emerging professionals under the age of 40 who are helping shape the future of our region through their work, leadership, and commitment to community.

"This program celebrates more than professional success," said Rob Elias, President and CEO of the Southern Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. "It recognizes individuals who are leading with purpose, creating opportunities for others, and helping move our region forward. Each year, we are inspired by the extraordinary talent, vision, and dedication represented by this class of honorees."

The 40 Under 40 Awards has become one of Southern Arizona's most anticipated leadership recognition programs, bringing together business executives, elected officials, nonprofit leaders, educators, entrepreneurs, and community members to celebrate the next generation of leaders.

The 2026 honorees represent a diverse cross-section of industries and backgrounds, reflecting the innovation, talent, and entrepreneurial spirit that continue to strengthen Southern Arizona.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available through the Southern Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Event Details:

40 Under 40 Awards Breakfast

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Location: JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa

Check-In: 7:30 a.m. | **Program Begins:** 8:30 a.m.

Keynote Speaker: TBD



Name	Job Title/Employer
Alonso, Valeria	Coordinator Career Development, University of Arizona
Ansinelli, Samantha	Owner, Ansinelli Law
Bedoya, Fabiola	Moms For Clean Air Force
Beltran, Christian	Owner, BB Hill Landscape
Bennett, Scott	Wealth Advisor, TCI
Bevans, Alexander	Associate, Snell & Wilmer
Bridges, Lindsey	Owner, Once Wild Salon
Burgos, Rossy	Founder, UpLeveled Wellness
Calles, Natalia Elias	TMC Health
Carrozza, Christian	Hope Arizona
Chavez, Chris	Regional Manager, Hope Incorporated
Cole, Tanna	Owner, Tannas Botannas
Coronado, Lauren	Event Strategist, University of Arizona
Davis, Megan	Marketing Manager, RMC Group
Encinas, Martin	Owner, Templo Fitness
Fenn, Nia	Real Estate Advisor, Elate Realty
Fifita, Noah	Quarterback, University of Arizona
Frazelle, Erica	Public Engagement Lead, Horrocks
Fricke, Grace	Owner, Flemings Steakhouse
Früster, Jamal	Owner, Alma Sana Chiropractic Studio
Gast, Chris	Senior Director of Student Resources, University of Arizona
Gomez, Moises Ulises	Business Outreach Manager, Local First AZ
Henao-Muñoz, Jhonatan	Asst Professor of Practice/Inaugural Asst Dir of Bilingual UNIV Curriculum, UA
Ladriere, Jazlin	Legislative Assistant, Congresswoman Adelita Grijalva
Lara, Brenda	Spanish Instructor, University of Arizona
Marks, Stephanie Laev	Family Care Center
Martinez, Gabriel	University of Arizona
Moreno, Anaid	Bilingual Educator, Tucson Unified School District
Ritzmann, Kris	Casino Del Sol Resort & Spa
Robles, Abigale	CBRE
Rodriguez, Bobby 'Jet'	Owner, Jet Sports
Romero, Josué	Director, Community Engagement, Emerge
Schwabe-Chiquette, Soleil	Owner, Fr!day Pilates
Shaddock, Karl	Assistant to Town Manager, City of Oro Valley
Staples, Amanda	Artistic Program Manager, Art State Arizona
Stoddart, Dr. Melissa	Director of Additional Location Compliance, Pima Community College
Thomas, Ryan	Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona
Toyos, Jordan-Isaiah	Southern Arizona Outreach Coordinator, U.S. Senator Ruben Gallego
Urquidez, Celina	Senior Coordinator Education & Training, University of Arizona
Zebal, Patrick	Partner Alliance Officer, Arizona Central Credit Union