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Celebrating Young Professionals at FLEX Presents

Congratulations Tyler VanWormer, 2024 Young Professional of the Year

Every year, FLEX shines a spotlight on the remarkable achievements of local young professionals who exemplify dedication, innovation, and community spirit. This annual celebration, held on April 19, is a testament to the impactful contributions made by individuals who go above and beyond to enrich our community through civic engagement, entrepreneurship, and leadership.

This year's celebration was held at Wanango Country Club and celebrated the accomplishments of 10 young professionals who were nominated by community members that saw the impacts they were making in our community. One of the highlights of the evening is naming the 2024 Young Professional of the Year.

Congratulations to this year's Young Professional of the Year, Tyler VanWormer!

Tyler's dedication to his role as Personal Lines Producer at Franklin Insurance is exemplary. Specializing in acquiring new business and catering to the personal insurance



needs of community members, Tyler has left a long lasting mark on his industry. His contributions with Franklin Insurance, who earned Erie Insurance's Giving Agency of the Year Award, is a testament to his unwavering commitment to both professional excellence and community betterment.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Tyler is deeply involved in various community initiatives. From his active participation in Franklin Rotary to his contributions to FLEX and the Oil City YMCA Dek Hockey program, Tyler's passion for community engagement knows no bounds. He's a familiar face

at Franklin's Light Up Night Parade and can often be found volunteering for the annual apple pancake breakfast at St. Patrick's Church in Franklin. Tyler's multifaceted involvement underscores his genuine dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of those around him.

Other nominees include: Eli Busch, Devin Forgey, Miranda Heller, Thomas Holoman, Amariliz Sanchez, Savanha Scott, Kat Thompson, Deanna Wolfngong and Kelsey Ziegler.

Congratulations to all nominees!

More information about each of the 2024 nominees can be found on our website.



"The Future of Venango Area Business!"

Speaker Series Recap: "What They Didn't Teach You About Money"

Eli Busch of Kingdom Guard Financial Group spoke at the first FLEX Speaker Series event of 2024. The topic of his presentation was "What They Didn't Teach You About Money." The presentation was informative for everyone and was not limited to advice for young professionals.

Eli noted the first thing everyone must determine before going forward is to establish a vision. This vision is not a set goal, as it is constantly evolving as you move through life. Once the vision is established, every decision made going forward should move you toward your vision.

It's important to treat your personal money as a business. The gross revenue is the money from your paycheck. The profit is what is left over after all expenses have been paid. Money in savings may be used for funding "projects" like life events, vacations, or large purchases. The easiest way to track

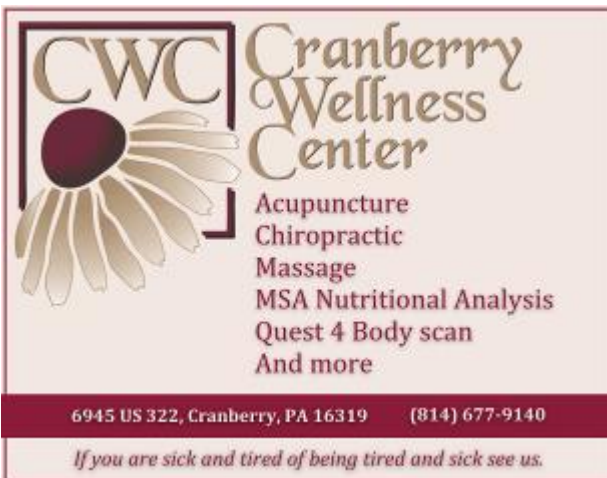


your money going out is to record your spending in a spreadsheet. Every transaction going out is recorded and categorized so you can view trends in your spending and monitor where your money is going. It is important to do this regularly. Monitoring your money going out makes it easier to budget for planned events.

Something that may seem far away for many young professionals is retirement. Eli recommends you should save 15-25% of your current income for retirement. When you retire, the money you put away today becomes your income. After you retire, you should prepare to take 4% of your retirement amount every year. Your age, income, and other factors would determine the exact amount that you should be contributing towards your retirement.

When it comes to managing your money, it is important to have open communication, whether that is between you and your significant other, or between you and your financial planner. Having regularly scheduled money talks helps ensure you are working towards your vision. It is important for anyone to plan their year ahead using these discussions. A financial planner may offer a third-party view into your financial plans to make sure your plans are in line with the current market.

While financial planning for yourself or your family may seem intimidating, Eli notes that small actions today can have major impacts in the future. It's not worth putting off retirement planning or setting budgets for future events, because the sooner you set your vision, the easier it is to make these decisions!



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Member Profile: Alyssa Riordan



Alyssa Riordan, a native of Crawford County, serves as Assistant Manager at Northwest Bank, where she applies her Bachelor's degree in Education from Clarion University of Pennsylvania, specializing in Early Childhood K-4 Education and Library Science K-12.

Alyssa's dedication extends beyond banking, as she actively contributes to the community as a Board Member, Finance Committee Member, and Treasurer for Community Services of Venango County since 2016. Additionally, she runs a successful jewelry

business, "Alyssa's Amazing Accessories".

With over eight years of experience, including management roles at Woodforest National Bank, Alyssa is committed to expanding her expertise in lending and fostering strong customer relationships.

In her free time, Alyssa enjoys patronizing local businesses like the Log Cabin and Cross & Co. Boutique, and spending time with her puppy. She is a passionate advocate for supporting local businesses and encourages the community to shop and bank locally.

Welcome to FLEX, Alyssa!

More Photos from FLEX Presents



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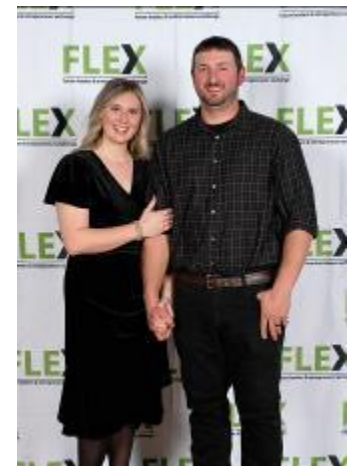
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May Events & Meetings:

Events & Fundraising Committee: Monday, May 13 • 5:30 p.m. • Zoom

Marketing Committee: Thursday, May 16 • 5 • Zoom

FLEX Monthly Meeting: Monday, May 20 • 12 p.m. • Zoom

Strategic Marketing Meeting: Tuesday, May 21 • 5-7 • Venango Chamber

Contact us for meeting zoom links at flex@venangochamber.org, or find links in our Weekly Update email.

Interested in joining?

Email the FLEX Membership Committee Chair Juliet Hilburn at Juliet.hilburn@gmail.com or join online: VenangoFLEX.org.

New Members:

Danielle Bowen
Devin Rossey
Rebecca Myers
Jared Gawrys
Nicole Burton
Richard Bays
Shane O'Neil
Hope West
Chelsie Mesa

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