

Top Young Professionals UNDER 40

in Southeastern MA & RI



Rebecca Lawrence
24 • Asst. Manager
Rockland Trust
Fairhaven

Rebecca Lawrence began her banking career at age 17 and at 24 is the assistant manager of Rockland Trust's Fairhaven office.

She is a "Big Sister" with Child and Family Services' Big Brother Big Sister mentoring program and is an active member of United Way of Greater New Bedford's Clambake Committee. She has also volunteered at the Immigrants Assistance Center, helping to serve supper to more than 150 children. Rebecca also helped to coordinate a Rockland Trust food drive for Market Ministries.



Joseph Lopes
36 • VP Healthcare Financial
Services Specialist
Webster Bank
New Bedford

Highly invested in the New Bedford community, Joseph Lopes is the New Bedford City Council representative for Ward 6 and the vice president / medical

financial services specialist at Webster Bank. He is an active volunteer in community organizations, including Cove Street, Goulart Square, and Clark's Point neighborhood associations, vice chair of the Ward 6 Democratic Committee and a member of the United Way of Greater New Bedford's Clambake Committee. He is also a SMILES mentor and a youth soccer coach. Joe also serves on area boards including the Fort Tabor/Fort Rodman Military Museum board; South End Business Association board and the Save the Orpheum Theater group.



Steven Martins
27 • City Councilor New Bedford/
Coordinator New Directions
New Bedford

Last year, at the age of 26, Steve Martins was re-elected to his second term on the New Bedford City Council where he has worked to help rebuild the city. Steve is

also active in several community organizations including as a member of the Bullard and Brooklawn neighborhood associations and a volunteer for Operation Clean Sweep, Relay for Life, The Jimmy Fund, and Habitat for Humanity. In addition to his Council duties, Steve serves as a Pathways to Success coordinator for New Directions Southcoast. He has also been an instructor for the Mayor's Summer Youth Program, employment & training specialist at the Greater New Bedford Career Center, and a substitute teacher for New Bedford Public Schools.



Roy Nascimento
39 • President/CEO
New Bedford Area
Chamber of Commerce
New Bedford

Chief executive officer of the 1,000-member New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce where he has served for the past four years,

Roy Nascimento is known for his dedication and commitment to economic development activity in the greater New Bedford area. He is a community leader and local champion for area businesses and organizations and has supported policy initiatives that chamber members embrace. Roy is very involved in business organizations including serving as member and former treasurer for the New England Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and a member of SRPEDD's Regional Economic Strategy Committee; the New Bedford Area Workforce Investment Board; the South Eastern Economic Development Corporation; and the Southern New England Entrepreneurs Forum among others.



Joseph Pacheco
24 • Selectman
Town of Raynham
Raynham

A member of the Board of Selectmen in Raynham since he was 21, Joseph R. Pacheco is also a

community and constituent affairs person for State Rep. Flynn, maintaining a website to update his constituents. He serves on several other committees, volunteers for organizations including the Portuguese-American Civic Club and the national Young Elected Officials Network and is an elected trustee of the Raynham Library.



Eric Paradis
35 • Financial Advisor
New Bedford

A financial advisor for Massachusetts Financial Group, Eric Paradis also finds time to volunteer in many capacities, including with the volunteer-driven Your Theatre as Nominating Committee chair, Executive Director Search

Committee chair, and Volunteer Committee member. He also volunteers in set construction, lighting, sound and acting and is active with South Coast Baseball League, serving as commissioner from 2004 to present and helping the league raise money for YMCA Southcoast and Old Colony Baseball. Additionally, Eric has volunteered at the United Way of Greater New Bedford's Clambake for the past four years and has been a board member of the Psi Upsilon Trust Association at Syracuse University. Eric recently founded Waste Not Want Not, a grassroots environmental group to promote awareness and use of sustainable products and practices among local organizations.



Dolores Sharek
38 • Finance Director
John Hope Settlement House
Providence

A finance director for a Providence nonprofit, Dolores Sharek started her accounting career in 1997 and now oversees finances, benefits, and human

resources for the John Hope Settlement House. She is a member and former treasurer of the Dartmouth Library Foundation, a Dartmouth Town Meeting member, and serves on the Dartmouth library board. Dolly is also a member of the Board of Managers for the YMCA SouthCoast's Dartmouth branch, has served on the Dartmouth Master Plan Committee, and was a member of the Gidley School Council. She is pursuing her MBA at UMass Dartmouth.



Joseph Tavares
39 • VP Business Officer
Rockland Trust
Somerset

Vice president business officer at Rockland Trust, Joe Tavares is an energetic individual who brings enthusiasm and a positive energy to all that he does. His many community activities include participating in the United

Way of Greater New Bedford's Clambake Committee and Campaign Cabinet and being part of the Prince Henry Society Scholarship Committee, a highly successful scholarship program which has awarded over \$500 million since its inception. Joe also participates in the annual food drive and is an active board member and league secretary for Whaling City Youth Baseball where he also coached for more than 10 years. Joe has also previously volunteered for United Way Greater Fall River; Forever Paws Animal Shelter; SMILES Mentoring and Junior Achievement.