



# Young Guns 2011

## Betting on the Future

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**SOMEONE ONCE SAID**, “I know not what the future holds, but I know who holds the future.”

A truer statement could not be made when said in reference to the Young Guns Class of 2011.

This year we inducted a mixture of individuals of diverse strengths and skills from varying industries across the state. And this year, as always, the staff of Executive Ink sat at the conference table with the final Young Guns’ spreads laid out before us and congratulated ourselves on another successful class. Staring back at us were 11 West Virginians whose journeys as leaders of our great state have only just begun.

The selection process for Young Guns can be a daunting task. This year, we reviewed more than 200 nominations, and one by one, the five partners of Executive Ink sat at the conference table while each resume and nomination was read aloud, one by one. When considering the nominations,

we are looking for successful professionals who passionately give back to their communities. It is inspiring every year to see the stack of nominations our editor in chief brings to our selection meeting because it reiterates the importance of what we do—promoting the good within our state and the many people who make our state unique, prosperous and exciting.

We chose the theme “Betting on the Future” for this year’s Young Guns’ class and paired it with a photo shoot at the new Greenbrier Casino Club. Prime 44 West, The Forum, the lower mezzanine and the casino floor were just a few of the new additions we used as backdrops for our Young Guns. The intricately designed areas of The Greenbrier leave little doubt to the attention to detail that was required in making the new additions feel as though they had always been a part of the historical resort, and we enjoyed visiting each location with our Young Guns as we selected the perfect backdrops to showcase this special class.

We are proud to present to you the Young Guns Class of 2011. We welcome our new members into this circle of highly motivated, success driven professionals who represent the future of the Mountain State. ■

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