

# CATCH A RISING STAR (AND MORE)

**The horticulture industry is a multifaceted marvel.** The diversity and complexity of the businesses that make up our industry are fascinating. Not only are the products you produce amazing, but the people that produce them are equally, if not more, amazing.

That is really evident when you look at GPN's 40 Under 40 Class of 2017.

Our sixth class is made up of 40 young men and women who are the rising stars that shine in their careers as well as their personal lives. These down-to-earth superstars have established themselves as current and future industry leaders.

Beginning on page 16, you can learn more about each one of them and find out how the Class of 2017 will provide us with an extremely bright future.

Every member of this year's class was nominated by one (or more) of their peers. These individuals recognized that their nominees had a superior skill set and that their achievements so far in their careers set them apart from others. They also recognize the potential of where their careers are headed.

If you don't know anyone in this year's class, you should make it a point to meet as many of them as you can. They represent the next generation in horticulture and, most likely, will have an impact on how you do business in the years to come.

It is their exceptional leadership, creativity, compassion and innovative thinking that will help our industry continue to shine bright.

The class of 2017 is made up of growers, breeders, garden center owners, educators, scientists, technology developers and so much more. It is a multifaceted class to represent our multifaceted industry.

GPN's 40 Under 40 Class of 2017 is full of young and brilliant superstars that are out of this world.

## SCENES FROM CALIFORNIA SPRING TRIALS

We just got back from California Spring Trials and are still going through our notes and photos to provide you with in-depth coverage in the June and July issues of GPN. It was a busy week making our way to all 15 stops to see what the breeding companies have in store for growers and retailers next year.

In the meantime, be sure to check out GPN's social media pages (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) where we posted a ton of photos and videos from our weeklong journey.

Also, be sure to check out Jasmina Dolce's daily updates that she provided during the trials. Just go to [www.gpnmag.com](http://www.gpnmag.com) and search "Spring Trials Day" to read about the newest introductions that caught her eye this year. [gpn](http://gpn.com)



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