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Profiles of 2004 Top 40 Under 40

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Each year, the Memphis Business Journal recognizes 40 people under the age of 40 in the city of Memphis who are making a difference in the city. The honorees come from the business sector, non-profit organizations, and the arts, among others. This dynamic group of individuals have all contributed tirelessly to advance their profession and the city as a whole.

Position: Partner, Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects

Age: 39

Place of Birth: Memphis

Education: Immaculate Conception High School; Auburn University, bachelor's in architecture.

Business/Professional Accomplishments: 1995, licensed architect; 1998, partner of ANFA; 2002-2003, treasurer, AIA Memphis; 2004, president of AIA Memphis (first female); 2004, LEED certified; 2004 founding partner of ARC Creative Design - WBE

Community Involvement: Kiwanis, Girl Scout mentor, St. Louis School board chairman

Professional Goals: To design and produce buildings that will have an enduring impression on Memphis, its inhabitants and our built environment.

When I'm not working, I'm: Spending time with my husband and three daughters, usually shuttling them for one of their activities to another.

The key to my success: Loving what I do and being able to keep a balance between my family, my work and of course, play.

Person(s) I most admire: My parents for enabling me to pursue my educational goals by providing me the financial and moral support that was required; and my husband for being supportive of my career, my accomplishments and our family.

Fantasy Job: Country Club tennis pro

Motto: Big feet make for a good foundation

Most humbling moment: Being nominated by my husband and my firm for this honor.

Why Memphis? I'm a native Memphian and have discovered over the years that Memphis has what a lot of large metropolitan cities don't - the opportunities of a big city, but the character and familiarity of a small town.

Favorite place to take out-of-town guests: Downtown - to ride the trolley, view the river, eat ribs at the Rendezvous, cruise Beale street, browse the unique boutiques and have a cocktail at the Peabody.

Favorite movie: "Shawshank Redemption"

Favorite restaurant: Paulette's

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