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BONNELL, DESKINS, DRAYER & ODELL NAMED YOUNG GUNS BY WEST VIRGINIA EXECUTIVE MAGAZINE

Nathaniel S. Bonnell, president and CEO of Citizens Bank of West Virginia; John Deskins, assistant dean for outreach and engagement, director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research and associate professor of economics at West Virginia University; Matthew Drayer, general manager for the West Virginia Black Bears; and Ashley Hardesty Odell, partner at Bowles Rice LLP, have been named members of the Young Guns Class of 2020 by *West Virginia Executive* (WVE) magazine.

WVE's annual Young Guns honors program has been recognizing outstanding West Virginians age 43 or younger who have accomplished great things in both their careers and communities for 20 years. Honorees must have lived in the state and been in their West Virginia-based position for at least two years and must actively participate in community service.

"On behalf of the staff at *West Virginia Executive* magazine, it has been an honor to highlight the Mountain State's best and brightest for the last 20 years," says Kensie Hamilton Fauber, publisher and owner of Executive Ink, LLC. "We decided the best way to celebrate this milestone was to bring the program's honorees together for the first-ever Young Guns All-Class Reunion, where former colleagues were reunited, new connections were made and important ideas were exchanged that will help propel our great state forward into a future of prosperity."

The Young Guns Class of 2020 was honored at the Young Guns All-Class Reunion event on November 15 at the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center. The sponsors for the event were the Barnes Agency, Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center, Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP, Encova Mutual Insurance Company, Mylan, Simpson Dental, United Bank and ZMM Architects & Engineers.

The other inductees of the 2020 class are: Keith W. Busby, Tabler Station human resources leader for Procter & Gamble; Zac Campbell, vice president of projects for Pickering Associates, Inc.; Michael M. Cary, Esq., owner of Cary Law Office, PLLC; Laura Martin, director of communications for American Water's Mid-Atlantic Division; Joshua A. McGrath, broker and owner of Real Estate Central, LLC; and Sarah Smith, president of SLS Land & Energy Development.

If you know a leader who is changing their industry and community, nominate them for next year's class. Nominations for the Young Guns Class of 2021 are due August 15, 2020 and may be submitted through the nomination form at www.wvexecutive.com/nominate-a-young-gun.

West Virginia Executive, the state's premier business publication, was founded in 1998. The quarterly publication strives to provide quality, in-depth business news coverage and highlight growth and development within the Mountain State.