

# YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR ANDREA BAKEBERG

The **Young Professional of the Year Award** honors an individual who has effective leadership, professional development, and networking skills for ongoing growth and impact for themselves and the community.

As president of the Matthews Opera House board of directors, past secretary of Zonta Club of Spearfish and a member of Toastmasters, Andrea Bakeberg stands out as a young professional worthy of recognition. She is very community-minded, involved and cares about Spearfish.

Let's hear from some community members who've had the privilege to work with Andrea:  
Kelsey Snyder Ruzicka, president, Zonta of Spearfish and owner, Moxie Marketing:

"Andrea has a heart of gold. She is incredibly committed to Zonta's mission of supporting women and children in the community. She is always willing to help and is always someone we can trust with any task. I am so grateful for her presence in our club, and for the opportunity to get to know her."

Becky Naccarato Eastburn, Executive Director, The Matthews Opera House & Arts Center:

"I first met Andrea as part of the Leadership Spearfish class of 2018. It was through these experiences that I realized Andrea was a force to be reckoned with. Leaders in our community were always so complimentary of Andrea's dedication to helping others and lending a hand without any hesitation.

I can wholeheartedly say that I would not be where I am today if it weren't for Andrea and her innate ability to empower those around her to be better than before and never stop reaching for what is next."

Michele Loobey-Gertsch, Manager Community Relations, Regional Health and Advisory Board member of South Dakota CEO:

"It is always a pleasure working with Andrea on projects. She brings professionalism, a positive attitude, and a willingness to support our committees and members that is refreshing and appreciated. Andrea's skill set and passion are respected and admired! "

Michelle Kane, director, South Dakota CEO:

"In her position as Assistant Director, SD CEO, Andrea has a significant impact on women across the region where her organizational skills and leadership shine. Her professionalism, commitment to the team and creativity make her an exceptional team member and community leader. I am truly honored to work with her."

As a leader and as a young professional, Andrea is someone that can always be counted on and enhances everything she is a part of.

And for this we are proud to present her with the 2019 Young Professional of the Year Award.