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David “Dave” Moresi – Principal Moresi & Associates, Co-owner of Grazie Restaurant

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A native of North Adams, David returned to the Berkshires after graduating from Union College in 1997, and embarked on an entrepreneurial lifestyle. In 2000 he established the firm of Moresi & Associates, a diverse real estate management, investment and development company based in his hometown, where he lives with his wife and two daughters.

From its humble beginnings, Moresi & Associates now has 28 employees in its core real estate development business. They are committed to developing and supporting small and independent business and housing ventures in North Adams.

David bought the entire Mulcare Block in 2014 and began extensive renovations later that year. The Mulcare Block now includes the Mohawk Tavern, Grazie restaurant and several residential apartments upstairs.

David purchased the former Excelsior Mill in 2017 and set out with a five-year redevelopment plan. In less than a year, Moresi & Associates had signed 22 leases with businesses that have committed to 80 percent of the 100,000-square-foot historic 19th-century facility, which he has rebranded as the NORAD Mill, in which we sit today.

Scott Kirchner – Founder and President, Mad Macs, Inc.

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Berkshire native Scott Kirchner is founder and president of Mad Macs Inc. Founded in 1998 as Berkshire County’s Only Authorized Apple Specialist, Mad Macs has become a leader in technology solutions throughout the area. He currently lives in Pittsfield with his wife and 2 children.

Scott previously attended the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale Florida, and worked six years in the entertainment industry as an audio engineer and doing special effects for film.

In 2015, Scott was named one of Berkshire Magazine’s 25 Most Influential and Creative entrepreneurs in Berkshire County. In 2017, he was awarded a Babson College Scholarship with the Goldman Sachs 10K Small Business Program.

Scott is a Trustee of Berkshire Theater Group and the Colonial Theater, is on the 1Berkshire Strategic Alliance Board and Board of Directors for Downtown Pittsfield Inc. as well as a consultant for the Pittsfield Economic Revitalization Corp.

Charles Stephens, Coordinator of Career Planning and Placement, Berkshire Community College

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Charles Stephens is the coordinator of career planning and placement at Berkshire Community College, where he is responsible for providing counsel to students regarding career options.

Charles grew up in Southfield, Michigan, and holds a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's degree in student affairs administration from Michigan State University. He worked in corporate accounting before moving to the higher education field, where he's held positions at Michigan State, Saint Louis University and Philadelphia University before moving to Williamstown with his wife and children. They recently moved to Pittsfield.

Charles was recently named among Berkshire County's 40 Under Forty. He spends his energy on career and identity development initiatives for students and staff, and has a professional passion for student identity development, critical race theory, social justice education, and learning outcome development. He has also been involved with such organizations as Child Care of the Berkshires, Berkshire Family YMCA in Pittsfield, BCC's Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service; Walk-A-Mile in Her Shoes for Elizabeth Freeman Center, and the Mentoring for Success Initiative.