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Young professionals can be defined in a wide variety of ways, some may be positive while others can be negative or even hurtful. It really is just a label that a large population gets defined as, but, I would go as far to say that in this case, actions speak louder than words. I believe there are three positive words that can define young professionals that should be considered as you interview, hire or work alongside a “young professional.” 

Impact. When thinking about young professionals, how they live life, how they play a role in their communities and how invested they are in the next generation, the word impact comes to mind. By definition, impact means “to have a strong effect on someone or something.” Young professionals truly desire to have a strong effect in our local communities, which can be seen in a variety of ways. These impacts include the creation of local non-profits, supporting local businesses, volunteering on boards and committees as well as serving in local government. 

Passion can be another defining word of young professionals. Their aspiration and goal is to find their passion and live it out. Young professionals want to utilize their strengths, creativity and technology in their professional environment. Once they find the workplace that best fits their passion, they will dive all in, and there will be no stopping them as they continue to push themselves towards achieving their own dreams and goals. Their passion for work-life balance, structure and giving back, with a hint of self-care, is what will ignite their overall performance and growth.

Last but certainly not least, Value. Young professionals not only can have strong values, but they also want to extend value to those around them. In a professional setting they desire to bring value to the table and be valuable by sharing their knowledge and expertise, despite age. But they also value family, community and work. The desire of young professionals is to be given chances, take risks, be heard, give back and to make a difference. Let’s work together to redefine “young professionals” as we continue to build strong and desirable workplaces and communities.

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For attorney Loren Gaukroger, advocating for his clients and finding creative solutions to resolve their problems are the best parts of his job. He practices family, criminal, real estate and other types of law at Brown, Tarlow, Bridges & Palmer in Newberg. During more than seven years of practicing, he has dealt with matters ranging from property transactions to divorce, represented clients at court hearings and helped them maintain their rights and reach their desires, and become an effective listener, communicator and problem solver.

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Joe and his wife, McMinville native Carly Allen Paterson, are raising their three children, Henry, Wallace and Cal, to be proud future Grizzlies. The Patersons love living in McMinville, a beautiful place where they can be around family. He enjoys playing with his children, coaching their sports and taking part himself in sports and physical activities.

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As an Employee Benefits specialist, Kamp provides information and assistance that help employers choose the right benefits package for their businesses and employees. She helps employers stay compliant with regulations; assesses employers’ existing benefits; suggests changes to benefit packages based on employee demographics; and educates employees about their options.

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Stephanie spent her early years in Yamhill County, but moved to West Linn with her family when she was in high school. She now lives in McMinville, which she describes as an involved and supportive place to be.

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As operations manager at OnlineNW, Danae Kelley supports the company’s teams by ensuring they have the tools they need to be successful, work together and cultivate trust with one another and with customers. Kelley, who grew up on a farm in Boring, said she chose the technology field because it is constantly evolving. It always challenges her to do better, which she loves. She enjoys working for OnlineNW because it values both customers and employees. She knows she matters there.

“As not only do I get to help provide our local community with opportunity, connection and education through equal access to the internet, but I get to give them access to a quality experience with the latest in wireless and fiber technology,” she said. Kelley has a degree in business management, accounting and psychology. She belongs to Portland Women in Tech, the Wireless Internet Service Providers Association, the Fiber Broadband Association and the American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers. Kelley and her husband like to create and play music together. They have a blended family of four children, and are renovating an old farm house.

As a network engineer for OnlineNW, Matt Hopkins designs, implements and maintains networks based on a variety of technologies, such as fiber optics and wireless internet. He’s been interested in electronics since he was very young. Once he got his hands on a computer, he knew it was the way of the future — and his future.

“Wireless technologies seemed to work like magic, he said, and he had to find out how they really functioned. Now, as a network engineer, he finds satisfaction in designing and implementing world-class infrastructure that keeps everything from large corporations to small families to businesses connected securely and reliably.

OnlineNW offers much more than basic internet, he said. The company has advanced telephone capabilities, too, and offers the ability to reliably move data over long distances.

Hopkins was born in Eastern Oregon. He lives in McMinnville with his family, Erin, Carli and Jack. They enjoy the city’s parks, people and small businesses, all of which contribute to making the community special. They love spending time outdoors hiking, camping, kayaking and exploring new places.
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Lacey Summers grew up in McMinnville and now shares her love and knowledge of the community with buyers moving into the area. After graduating from McMinnville High School and Santa Clara University, Lacey went on to work in marketing for 10 years before setting her sights on real estate.

Lacey likes to ensure the milestone of selling or buying a house is enjoyable, as well as rewarding, by providing “extra” like providing staging advice and having a seller’s house professionally cleaned before an open house. Past clients frequently describe her as warm, patient, considerate, and organized. Lacey devotes herself to each client, taking the time to understand their needs & desire to realize their goals. Her goal is to help buyers find the perfect home at the perfect price and sellers sell their homes for top dollar in the shortest amount of time. Lacey’s proactive and innovative approach to marketing consistently delivers on these goals. Summers is a member of the McMinnville Lions Club and the Yamhill County Association of Realtors. She enjoys home remodeling projects with her husband, Jonathan, competitive paper crafting.

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Sara Meyer, branch manager of First Federal’s Sheridan Branch, loves banking. It’s an interesting field with many different aspects, she said. She enjoys working with her customers and learning new things daily.

“The amazing thing about First Federal is that we have almost all of the products the ‘big banks’ have, which lets us know that it is our customer service and community involvement that sets us apart,” Meyer said, noting that First Federal was voted Best Small Bank in Oregon by Newsweek magazine in 2020. The 1995 Willamina High School graduate is responsible for equipping her staff with the tools they need to perform their jobs, as well as for ensuring the overall success of the Sheridan Branch.

Meyer is secretary of the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce. A Carlton resident, she is president of the Carlton Community Foundation and a member of Carlton’s city budget committee.

She plans to do more volunteering in the community in the future. Meyer is happily married with a huge family: eight children, three sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law and five grandchildren. She enjoys photography and among the Top 200 Healthiest Banks in America.

Aimee Mendonca planned on a career in technology, but she discovered banking, instead. Now she can’t imagine doing anything else. At First Federal, she worked her way up from teller to vice president and branch manager responsible for the overall success of the Home Office Branch in McMinnville.

She manages a staff of 10 bankers and serves as a loan officer, as well. Mendonca loves building long-lasting relationships with customers, whom she says make First Federal fabulous. With a five-star rating from Bauer Financial, it’s been named Best Small Bank in Oregon, First in Corporate Philanthropy and among the Top 200 Healthiest Banks in America. Mendonca is active in the McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce and is past president of Sheridan Rotary.

She and her husband have a daughter in the Army, a son in the Marines, a son who is a high school senior and a daughter in third grade. They like to spend time at the Oregon Dunes. She enjoys hiking, running and traveling — and she loves the beauty and the vineyards close to home, as well.

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Amanda Bowlby, who oversees First Federal’s Newberg Branch with a focus on business development, first took a banking job just to pay the bills. Soon, she realized it was the right career for her.

The Oregon State University business administration graduate enjoys building relationships with her clients. “You are not just a number to us: you’re a community member, a friend, and someone we will go above and beyond for,” she tells them.

First Federal was voted the Best Small Bank in Oregon in 2020. Bowlby’s not surprised: after all, it offers the tools for all types of customers to be successful.

Bowlby is a member of Women of Wilmette and on the boards of Newberg Youth Football and Newberg Hot Club.

She and her husband have two children. She likes coaching her 7-year-old daughter’s sports teams, cheering on her 12-year-old son’s sports activities and watching Bravo or Netflix.

Bowlby said Yamhill County reminds her of Eastern Oregon, where she grew up on wheat and cattle ranches. But she enjoys the modern conveniences of Newberg — and among the Top 200 Healthiest Banks in America.

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When you're born with a gift for numbers, you might say certain careers stand out as attractive. That's how it was for Kyle Johnson, a principal certified public accountant at Johnson & Mohr CPAs in McMinnville. Kyle's favorite part of being a CPA is his ability to use numbers to help people when they turn to him. He also enjoys being able to help taxpayers save money and providing his clients with financial clarity and guidance while building relationships with them while working with them as a team to aid in their success.

In addition to his duties in income tax preparation, income tax planning / consulting and accounting, Kyle has over nine years of experience specializing in the tax side of estate planning, trust and estate tax. For the heart of Oregon Wine Country, Kyle focuses on tax and accounting issues for wineries and vineyards.

Kyle belongs to the Oregon CPA Society and the American Institute of CPAs. He plans to continue practicing his profession for many years to come and would love to travel to many different destinations throughout the world with his wife, Haley. He also looks forward to building his career in a fast paced and challenging environment.

Kyle was born and raised in Spring Valley, California, a suburb of San Diego. Kyle decided to move to the Pacific Northwest in order to play baseball at George Fox University. While there, he graduated with two bachelor's degrees— one in accounting, the other in business finance.

Kyle loves in McMinnville with Haley and the couple's three young boys. His favorite part of the Yamhill Valley is being just a hop, skip and a jump away from the coast and the mountains.

Jade Bachmeier just might be in the perfect position as a Sales Executive with Ticor Title. Not only does she get to meet new people along the way, she also helps realtors and lenders grow their business in order to reach their professional goals. Utilizing her knowledge and expertise, she loves being able to provide them valuable resources that will help them in business. She particularly appreciates the new friendships gained in the process.

Jade was born and raised in Amity with her two brothers and lived close to most of her family throughout Yamhill County. She graduated from Amity High School before attending Chemeketa Community College. Jade is a member of the Yamhill County Association of REALTORS® (VCAR) and of the McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce.

When she's not helping clients, Jade likes to travel, be active hiking and playing sports, and spending time with her family and Corgi puppy, Jim!
John Andrew DPT

When John Andrew, DPT, Cert. MDT, CSCS launched Andrew Physical Therapy, he wanted to provide a place where science, education, and care came together to give his patients genuine relief from pain. Today, John’s cheerful outlook and positive can-do attitude permeate the clinic. His passion for helping his patients lessen their pain and return to their favorite activities is evident in the way his clinic functions. John emphasizes a hands-on approach and encourages patient education. John holds a master’s degree and a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He was awarded his Certified Specialist in Conditioning & Strengthening (CSCS) in 1997. In 2017, John completed his training with the McKenzie Spine Institute, becoming the first Certified McKenzie Spine practitioner in McMinnville. As a certified practitioner in mechanical diagnosis and therapy, John is trained to help find a solution to musculoskeletal problems, especially as they relate to the spine. John lives in McMinnville with his wife and daughters. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, bicycling, weight training, surfing, stand-up paddle boarding and spending time with his family.

Annie Govig DPT

Annie was born and raised in Sherwood, Oregon and has returned to the Pacific Northwest after earning her doctorate in physical therapy at Regis University in Denver, Colorado. Prior to graduate school, Annie attended Oregon State University as a student-athlete; earning a degree in kinesiology while playing for the women’s soccer team. Her time at Regis only continued to reinforce and further develop a set of core values originally established through sport: teamwork, open communication, dedication to excellence, and care for the whole person. In her spare time, Annie enjoys spending time outdoors with friends and family and has found a new passion for trail running. She continues to play soccer in local indoor leagues, and is happy to still participate in the sport she loves.

Jordan Visser DPT

When he was a teenager, Jordan Visser suffered a knee injury while playing high school basketball. Passionate about sports and physical fitness, Jordan hated being sidelined and was grateful when treatment by his physical therapist got him back in the game. Little did he know his own success would launch his adult career path. As a physical therapist at McMinnville’s Andrew Physical Therapy, Jordan is passionate about getting his patients back into their own games, whether it’s sports, outdoor recreation or just day-to-day living. Born in Anchorage, Alaska, Jordan earned his undergraduate degree in psychology while playing for the women’s soccer team. Her time at Regis only continued to reinforce and further develop a set of core values originally established through sport: teamwork, open communication, dedication to excellence, and care for the whole person. In her spare time, Annie enjoys spending time outdoors with friends and family and has found a new passion for trail running. She continues to play soccer in local indoor leagues, and is happy to still participate in the sport she loves.
Hi! I am Cindy Manning, a Senior Escrow Officer at First American Title in Newberg, OR. I am an Oregon native with over 20 years of escrow experience. I have been with First American Title since 1997 and am so happy to have settled in this beautiful town of Newberg.

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Keeley’s competitive edge and enthusiastic spirit keeps the momentum moving forward with our team.

Michelle entered the real estate industry in 2001 and has been gracing us with her kind heart ever since. Michelle has experience in Property Information, Title & Escrow as well as Business Development, which makes her a diverse strength for our team. She prides herself on finding the answer for not only her customers, but her teammates as well. At home, Michelle enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters. Camping, bike riding, fishing, hunting and always outdoors is where you will find her. Michelle strives to give her clients not only results, but a superior experience.

Amy approaches each day with kindness. Her vibrant, genuine smile lights up the room. The moment she landed in our office she instantly belonged, and we were filled with the warmth of her presence. Michelle has experience in Property Information, Title & Escrow as well as Business Development, which makes her a diverse strength for our team. She prides herself on finding the answer for not only her customers, but her teammates as well. At home, Michelle enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters. Camping, bike riding, fishing, hunting and always outdoors is where you will find her. Michelle strives to give her clients not only results, but a superior experience.

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Long known for his ability to make automobiles look mint, Adam Garvin has expanded his focus to the civic-minded, currently serving his second term on the McMinnville City Council. As founder of McMinnville’s well-known Garvin Auto Spa (formerly Xtrems), Adam has earned a solid reputation as a guy who means what he says, knows what he’s talking about and gets things done. But just because Adam is putting his famous attention-to-detail to work for the entire Yamhill Valley does not mean you can’t have Garvin Auto Spa make your car look showroom-new! Always a hard worker, Adam detailed his first automobile at age 13 as an assignment from his teacher and grandfather. Today, Adam is proud his entire career has been built on serious customer satisfaction. Adam is the pioneer of detailers in the area with an SV (Skills Validated, hands-on) rating from the International Detailing Association. Adam has the most extensive technical training resume of any detailer within the entire State of Oregon. He also owns a small used car dealership Garvin Motors & automotive product distribution rights for Shina Supply of NW Oregon. In addition to his services on the McMinnville City Council, Adam has served as a board member of the McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce, McMinnville Noon Kiwanis and McMinnville Jaycees.

MORGAN KING
GRAPHIC ARTIST

Morgan King always knew he wanted a career that would let him use his creativity. He does just that as a graphic artist for the News-Register and Oregon Wine Press. His job is different every day and always interesting, he said. It gives him the chance to be creative as he uses the Adobe Suite to create graphic designs, where he lays out publications and develops visually appealing advertisements to clients’ specifications. King grew up in Pekin, Illinois, where he spent much of his childhood drawing superheroes. He moved to Oregon after meeting his wife. With a goal of becoming a graphic designer, he studied visual communications at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. He was hired by the News-Register a week after graduating in 2008.

Being a reporter fits Dora Totoian, who joined the News-Register in 2020. She enjoys searching for the truth, holding people and power to account, and helping people share their stories. It makes her feel that she is doing her part in a democracy. Whatever she does in the future, she said, she hopes to “live out my values and work alongside compassionate and dedicated people who share them.”

Born in Romania, Totoian grew up in Southern Oregon. She studied Spanish and political science at the University of Portland. All the News-Register, she covers the McMinnville City Council and a variety of social issues, and writes feature and in-depth stories. The job teaches her something daily and gives her the opportunity to inform people about their neighbors’ joys and struggles, as well as about the events that define their communities.

Being a journalist in the COVID-19 era is challenging, she said, “but it’s also a unique way to document and process it.” During the quarantine, she’s spent free time in the kitchen trying recipes that test her technical skills. She’s very proud of her scene-making abilities.

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Tyler’s father served as a nurse practitioner with a busy family practice, where Tyler deeply admired the way his dad developed lasting relationships with his patients. A little squeamish by nature, Tyler wanted to do the same thing without the medical aspect. He decided his best opportunity to develop lasting relationships while helping people would be to go into law.

Tyler’s varied practice includes administering trusts and probate estates, handling guardianship and conservatorship proceedings, and residential and commercial landlord/tenant matters. Tyler was awarded a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma before earning his Doctor of Jurisprudence at the University of Oregon before earning an M.B.A. from the Willamette University Atkinson Graduate School of Management. Tyler then graduated magna cum laude from the Willamette University College of Law, earning a Doctor of Jurisprudence with a certificate in law and business.

Tyler lives with his amazing wife, Ellen, and (usually) wonderful children, Adria, 16 and Gabe, 12. Tyler particularly enjoys the outstanding food, great beer, breathtaking views of the Yamhill Valley! In his free time, Tyler might be found cycling, hiking, eating, gardening or rooting for the Ducks!
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