

# WHO ARE HOUSTON'S FORTY UNDER 40?

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**Event:** Joint Professional Mixer & Kick Off for a Houston Forty Under 40 List

**Time:** Tuesday, November 11th, 6–8 p.m.

**Place:** Petroleum Club of Houston, 800 Bell Street, 43rd Floor

**RSVP recommended:** [member@pcoh.com](mailto:member@pcoh.com) or (713) 659-1431

Houston is the home to young and dynamic leaders who have been recognized nationally for their significant accomplishments in business, sports, community service, politics and other disciplines. To identify these young leaders, a number of Houston's young professional organizations are partnering to create a nomination process and a panel for Houston's Forty Under 40 List. These organizations share a common vision to provide its members with a mentorship and leadership development opportunity by identifying young leaders in their area of interest. To kick off this initiative, head to the top with us and meet with two such Houston leaders and hear from them how they got there and the challenges they faced along the way. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres begin at 6 pm, followed by the speakers at 7 pm. This event is free to members of sponsoring organizations and \$10 for non-members. First drink is free for all attendees.

## Keynote speakers: "Lessons Learned Along the Way"



**Mary McDowell**

Senior Vice President, Hewlett Packard

(Spotted as Top 20 Houston Women in Technology by the Association for Women in Computing, 2000)



**Jamey Rootes**

Senior Vice President, Houston Texans

(Ranked in Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal's Forty under 40 sports executives of America, 2002)

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**Mary McDowell**, 39, is the head of the Strategy and Corporate Development for Hewlett Packard Company. Mary's track record of success is impressive. Before assuming her current role, she was the Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Industry Standard Server group at Hewlett Packard. Mary has been responsible for helping to create, build, and lead HP's Industry Standard Group from a small team of individuals into the largest revenue generating division within the company's enterprise systems group, with revenues exceeding seven billion dollars. Mary was one of the first college hires at Compaq in 1986, starting as a systems engineer. Although her original plan was to leave after two years and attend law school, she continued to be given new opportunities that kept her at Compaq. In 1989, Mary was a part of the core team that developed the industry's first Intel-based server and grew with the business to become its general manager in 1998. These server products, now part of HP, have held the number one market share position for over a decade despite fierce competition. Mary was named one of Houston's top 20 women in technology in 2000. Mary is a computer science graduate from the College of Engineering at the University of Illinois.

**Jamey Rootes**, 37, is senior vice president, chief sales & marketing officer for the Houston Texans. A natural leader and salesman, he is credited with generating approximately \$200 million in revenue during the Texan's Inaugural Season in 2002—placing the team 3rd out of the 32 NFL teams in team-value rankings. In 2002, Jamey Rootes earned a spot on Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal's annual "Forty under 40 Awards". Jamey began as a budding young salesman at IBM. After NFL executives rejected him for not having an MBA, his determination and passion for the sports business made him forsake his career at IBM to pursue an MBA at Indiana University. After a short stint at Procter & Gamble, Rootes landed the position of President for the Columbus Crew. This "never-say-die" businessman launched a five-year grassroots campaign to build the first soccer-specific stadium in Columbus, Ohio, in 1999. Jamey then became a natural choice of Bob McNair for heading the sales and marketing team for the NFL's 32nd team, the Houston Texans. For Jamey Rootes, one of the defining moments in his current position was the conclusion of the world's largest naming rights sponsorship deal with Reliant Energy for the Texans' Stadium.

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