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## 40 Under 40 Awards

The image shows a magazine cover for SDMETRO. At the top, the word "SDMETRO" is written in a large, bold, dark blue font. Below it, the tagline "your business your life" is written in a smaller, lighter blue font. To the right of the tagline, the text "NO. 8 VOL. XXXIII" is visible. The main visual is a photograph of a woman in a dark blue, sleeveless, short-sleeved dress with a wide brown belt, captured in a dynamic dance pose. She is leaning forward with one arm extended and the other raised. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with vertical lines, suggesting an interior space with columns or a stage. In the bottom left corner, the text "Presenting the 19th Annual 40 Under 40 Awards 2018" is written in a bold, black font. In the bottom right corner, there is a white text box containing the following text: "Our winners are as accomplished and talented as Brianna Pilkinton, a department manager for Burns & McDonnell, who also is a professional dancer who performs and choreographs regularly in the community. See more on **PAGE 16**".

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### **BRANDON STEPPE**

Brandon Steppe is the executive director of The David's Harp Foundation, which was born out of his strong faith, his desire to help teens and his love for music. Steppe is a transformative force in the lives of homeless and at-risk teens in San Diego. On a daily basis he provides a creative space for teens to escape their often challenging living situations and explore their artistic passions. The David's Harp Foundation received nonprofit status in 2009.



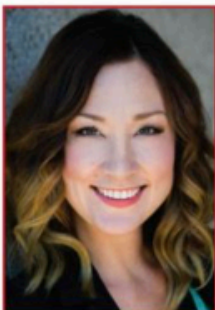
### **KEVIN TEMPLETON**

With a passion for reducing waste and practicing sustainability, Kevin Templeton, executive chef of barleymash restaurant, is a well-respected icon in San Diego's culinary scene. Nurturing a passion for cooking since age 17, he attended and graduated with honors from the Western Culinary Institute in Portland, Ore. After graduation, he worked in restaurants throughout the county, perfecting his talents at such restaurants as Top of the Cove, Peohe's and Azul La Jolla.



### **SHAWN VANDIVER**

Shawn VanDiver, a consultant, is the co-founder and leader of the Truman National Security Project's San Diego chapter and founder of the local chapter of the Defense Entrepreneurs Forum. Following 12 years in the Navy, VanDiver set out to be a force for good in San Diego, committing himself to advocating for marginalized communities. He has served on a number of campaigns, has lent his expertise to organizations, groups like 2-1-1, the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Lawyers Club.



### **BREE WONG**

Bree Wong is vice president of SWS Engineering, a local civil engineering, land development and land surveying firm. She joined the firm at inception in 2007, when the vice president of her then-current employer branched out to start a new business and asked her to join. She became SWS' first employee and has been pivotal in the firm's success; quadrupling the firm's revenue and employee size, emerging into new market sectors, securing target high-profile clientele and solidifying SWS's place in San Diego's design, construction and real estate industry.