

## TOMORROW'S STARS

Greetings, fellow colleagues and friends!

It is already September and our Success Series 2009 meeting in Hawaii is right around the corner. I hope you are as excited as I am about the excellent educational sessions and industry networking opportunities, as well as the time to enjoy the sights and the sunshine that are in store for us in Honolulu. If you have not yet registered, it is not too late to join us. I look forward to seeing you all there!

This is an especially exciting issue of *JPM*. It provides valuable information on a number of timely topics, including mixed-use challenges (p. 48) and generational differences in the workplace (p. 40). But this issue also features a unique "30 under 30" section (p. 26) highlighting some of our association's and our industry's brightest rising stars under age 30.

It is amazing what these young people have accomplished in their relatively short careers as property managers. The youngest person featured in "30 under 30" is only 22 years old and he has already made an impact within the industry. It is impressive to see what the next generation of leaders has accomplished; imagine the heights to which they will soar in the future! It is also remarkable to look at the people who have encouraged these young stars and helped them to get where they are today.

Mentoring the next generation and giving back to others in the field is a cornerstone of our IREM community. We know we cannot do everything alone and, especially during these financial times that continue to be rocky for so many, we are reminded that we accomplish more together than we ever could alone. The Institute is truly a vehicle for that collaboration and progress. I am honored that my position as IREM President allows me to work together with such a talented and diverse range of individuals from every IREM generation.

In collaboration with the National Association of REALTORS®, our sister affiliates and private leading companies, we are making significant strides toward sharing knowledge with members of Congress on how to provide relief to the real estate industry. We know that freeing up capital is key in pulling the nation out of this lingering financial crisis.

No matter what age you are, I think you will be encouraged and invigorated by the IREM young professionals who are featured in this issue. The future of IREM is in good hands.

See you in Honolulu!



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