



## Becoming BN Virtual Session: Young Professionals Panel

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12:00 pm – 1:00 pm central time

*Becoming BN is a program of the McLean County Community COMPACT, a subsidiary of the McLean County Chamber of Commerce.*

Today's virtual session will share insights from young professionals living and working in McLean County. All three individuals attended school in McLean County and chose to continue their professional careers in Bloomington/Normal. You will hear their reasons why they thought McLean County was a great fit and how they have grown their lives, got engaged in the community and found professions that fit their passions.



**Kristin Peterson, Compass Insurance Partners**

I grew up in Fairbury and after graduation I moved to Bloomington/Normal in 2002. I attended Heartland Community College and Illinois State University for Early Childhood Education. After graduation I accepted a position at Heartland Community College from 2005-2015. Most recently, I am an independent insurance agent with Compass Insurance Partners. This role suits me very well because it allows me to build relationships with other community members and organizations. It provides opportunities to give back to the community. I am a member of BNYP, Sunrise Rotary, and Vale Church. On a personal side, I have decided to stay in Bloomington/Normal because it's a WONDERFUL place to raise a family.



**Sean Seibring, VP Citizens Bank of Chatsworth**

My name is Sean Seibring and I'm the Vice President at Citizens Bank of Chatsworth. I'm a townie and have lived in Bloomington/Normal most of my life. I attended Unit 5 Schools from Elementary School through High School and went to Illinois Wesleyan. After college, I moved to Florida where I worked for the Catastrophe Team at State Farm for 3 years. In 2015 I moved back to work for a number of banks. In my banking career, I started doing commercial underwriting and treasury management, then residential and commercial lending to now, doing primarily commercial lending along with a variety of administrative work. I love having the opportunity to help people and learn aspects about many different types of businesses and industries.



**Samantha Schultz, Palace Events**

I am 24 years old and am the Director of Operations at Palace Events, a wedding and event rental company located in Bloomington. I have worked at Palace Events since the spring of 2016 and worked there through college and have remained there since. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in public Relations from Illinois State University in May 2017. I am from a small town an hour away from Bloomington but decided to stay here after graduating college. Aside from Palace Events, I also worked part time for the Office of Admissions at ISU this past spring and will be returning to ISU to complete my master's degree in Communication this fall. I am a member of the Bloomington Normal Young Professionals, the logistics chair for the Walk to End Alzheimer's committee and the upcoming Programming Chair for the Association for Women in Communication.