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## Energy Capital Conference Recognizes Rising E&P Stars

HOUSTON (June 5, 2013) – *Oil and Gas Investor* magazine will hold its inaugural “**Twenty Under 40**” **Rising Stars Recognition** as part of Hart Energy’s 6th annual Energy Capital Conference (ECC), June 17-18, at the Omni Hotel Houston. This program will showcase 20 younger E&P professionals who demonstrate impressive initiative and talent, inspire and motivate colleagues, are engaged with their communities, and are expected to lead the industry. Participants were nominated by their companies.

“This group is a sampling of the best and brightest who are leading now, and will lead us into the future,” said **Leslie Haines**, editor-in-chief of *Oil and Gas Investor*. “We are thrilled with the results, and only wish we could have included every person who was nominated for this, our inaugural Twenty Under 40 list.”

These rising stars include:

- **Eric Alfuth** (37), chief financial officer, Starboard Resources (San Antonio)
- **Matt Blomstedt** (27), senior staff business development, Sabine Oil & Gas LLC (Houston)
- **Shawn M. Canaday** (37), vice president finance, treasurer, Berry Petroleum Co. (Denver)
- **Joseph P. DeWoody** (31), president, Clear Fork Royalty, managing member, Pendragon Oil LLC (Fort Worth, Texas)
- **Ian Doiron** (33), vice president, acquisitions, Phillips Energy Partners (Shreveport, La.)
- **Tim Duncan** (40), CEO, president, Talos Energy LLC (Houston)
- **Matt Gentry** (37), vice president, engineering & business development, Forge Energy LLC (San Antonio)
- **Lauren Germinario** (29), land manager, Navajo Nation Oil And Gas Co., (Window Rock, Ariz.)
- **Kate Broome (Gibson)** (32), corporate attorney, Central Resources Inc. (Denver)
- **Jason Hoisager** (33), president, Arabella Petroleum Co. LLC (Midland, Texas)
- **Jeff Kummer** (29), vice president, operations, MBI Oil & Gas (Houston)
- **Michael Magilton** (36), vice president, finance & treasurer, Quantum Resources Management LLC (Houston)
- **Gregory M. Robbins** (34), vice president, corporate development, Memorial Resource Development LLC (Houston)
- **Lance Robertson** (40), vice president, South Texas/Eagle Ford, Marathon Oil Corp. (Houston)
- **Joshua (Josh) Rowan** (33), project services supervisor, BHP Billiton Petroleum (Houston)
- **Bryan Sheffield** (35), president, Parsley Energy LP (Midland, Texas)
- **Dwayne T. Stewart** (39), president, Fairways Exploration & Production LLC (Houston)

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- **Robert Watson Jr.**, (36), CEO, EnerJex Resources Inc. (San Antonio)
- **Justin Woody** (28), vice president, engineering & geoscience, Questar Corp. (Salt Lake City)
- **Janet Yang** (33), director, strategic planning & analysis, W&T Offshore (Houston)

The ECC event will bring two dozen leading finance and energy executives to the stage for presentations and roundtable discussions, including economist and editorial board member of *The Wall Street Journal*, **Stephen Moore**, who will give the opening keynote. The esteemed speakers will explore energy industry trends in finance, commodity prices, merger and acquisition activity, and strategy.

*Oil and Gas Investor* will also recognize recipients of its 10th annual “**Excellence Awards**” at the conference. Executive of the Year honoree **Mark E. Ellis**, chairman, president, and CEO of LINN Energy, will present a keynote address at the event.

On June 17, the “**Starting and Building an E&P Company**” workshop will return by popular demand. This half-day E&P event allows attendees to hear expert advice on how to structure the deal, where to find capital, and what they need in a financial partner. CEOs from select E&P companies will offer first-hand accounts on how they turned their ideas into sustainable and successful businesses.

For a complete agenda of the conference, visit [energycapitalconference.com](http://energycapitalconference.com).

### **About Hart Energy**

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