

# Hurley Session Young Professional Panelists

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*A Look at Young Professionals, Talent, and Attraction  
in Northwest Wisconsin*

## Anna Mooi, Manager of Nutrition and Education, Aspirus Ironwood Hospital

Anna Mooi moved to Ironwood in October 2015 to start working as the Registered Dietician and Manager of Nutrition and Education at Aspirus Ironwood Hospital. While the job ultimately led her to the area, she greatly considered all of the outdoor recreational opportunities available. The reasonable housing market also drew her to the area as she was able to purchase a home right away. She finds great satisfaction in her job, enjoyment in the community, and has found many groups to be involved in. In her free time, she enjoys cross country skiing, snowshoeing, biking, running, hiking, kayaking, and gardening. She is a Master Gardener through UW Extension, attendee of Zion Lutheran Church, and assists with the local farmer markets and other community events. She feels blessed and grateful to be a part of this community.

## Carolyn Warren, First Grade Teacher, Ironwood Area School District

Carolyn Warren grew up in Ironwood, MI and went to school at Luther L. Wright High School, her current place of employment. Carolyn attended the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire and obtained a degree in both special and general education. After graduation, Carolyn and her husband, Andy, decided to reside in Eau Claire because of the great trail system and running community.

On weekend trips to Ironwood to visit family, Carolyn and Andy found it increasingly hard to travel back to Eau Claire. They fell in love with skiing, hiking, biking, and running in the wonderful winters and pleasant summers of the UP. Many places such as the Porcupine Mountains, ABR Ski Trails, and our own Regional Trail kept calling them back. Once they realized that this northern community had everything they needed and wanted, the decision to move was easy. Carolyn was able to find a job as a teacher and Andy began work at Ironwood Plastics before landing his dream job, becoming the Brewmaster at Cold Iron Brewing.

## Ryan Wood, Human Resources Manager, Burton Industries

Ryan Wood, 27, is a native of Bessemer, Michigan. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Music at the University of Wisconsin Superior and a Master of Arts in International Business and Management at the Osnabueck University of Wisconsin Superior and Master of Arts in International Business and Management at Osnabrueck Univesity of Applied Science in Osnabrueck, Germany. He moved back to the area in 2016 and became a leader in the Go-In Forward young professionals group for Gogebic and Iron Counties. He currently serves as Human Resources Manager at Burton Industries in Ironwood, Michigan. Ryan enjoys the arts, being active in the local community theaters, and outdoor sports.

