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**Cedar Grove's J. Stephan Banchemo III Named to Waste360's First Annual
40 Under 40 Award List**

Recognized as a Next Generation Leader in the Waste and Recycling Space

Seattle, WA, May 3, 2016 – Cedar Grove today announced J. Stephan Banchemo III, vice president, has been named to the *Waste360's* first annual 40 Under 40 awards list; a list that showcases the next generation of leaders in the waste and recycling space who are shaping the future of the industry.

A graduate of the University of Washington, Banchemo III created Cedar Grove Organics Recycling, a division that is responsible for hauling food waste and organic material from some of the most iconic King County companies and venues including Boeing, Amazon, Safeco and CenturyLink Fields, the Space Needle, Columbia Center, Pagliacci Pizza, Ivar's Restaurants and many schools, community centers and non-profits.

"Banchemo III is known industry-wide for being an innovator, a job creator, a game changer, a business leader, a disruptor and an adventurer...always willing to dive in, get messy, solve problems and create opportunities," said Karen Dawson, director of marketing and community relations.

As the principal composting facility in King and Snohomish Counties, Cedar Grove partners with local government, communities, and non-profits to divert 350,000 tons of organic waste from landfills each year. In 2016 alone, Cedar Grove Organics Recycling will collect more than 85,000 tons of material from its customers; material that before the company's inception in 2007, would have been diverted to the landfill.

"We are passionate about the waste, recycling and organic industry and we believe our list of winners will make a significant mark on our industry," said *Waste360* Editorial Director, David Bodamer. "We congratulate all of the professionals we've recognized, and we look forward to watching them chart the course for the industry in the years to come."

The *Waste360* 40 Under 40 awards program recognizes inspiring and innovative professionals under the age of 40 whose work in the waste, recycling and organics industry has made a significant contribution to the industry. The winners are involved in every part of the waste and recycling industry, including haulers, municipalities, composters, recycling professionals, policy makers and product suppliers.



A panel of expert judges from *Waste360* evaluated the nominations and consulted with an external advisor to select the finalists and winners.

J. Stephan Banchemo III will be formally recognized at WasteExpo, North America's largest solid waste, recycling and organics industry event in June.

About Cedar Grove

Cedar Grove Composting is a local, family-owned business with deep roots in the Seattle area dating back to 1938. Cedar Grove plays a critical role in the Puget Sound's recycling infrastructure and sustainability efforts, diverting more than 350,000 tons of yard waste and food scraps from landfills annually. With two processing facilities in Maple Valley and Everett, Cedar Grove is a local manufacturer providing green jobs in King and Snohomish Counties. Cedar Grove produces wholesome, nutrient-rich compost that is sold to businesses, governments and residents, ensuring consumers have access to locally produced, recycled products. For more information, please visit www.cedar-grove.com.

About Penton's Waste360 Group

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