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A word cloud of names in various sizes and orientations, representing the 40th Annual Rasmussen Entertainment Awards. The names are arranged in a dense, overlapping pattern, with some names appearing more prominently than others. The names include: Sarina Jain, Matthew Marsh, RYAN, RASMUSSEN, LYANIE NEWSOME, Lyons Rib Hillis, Steve West, ALLYSON AMES, Anthony, Michael, Jeremy Yamaguchi, RYAN, FERRY, 40, FARRELLY, Carroll, SCOTT CROSS, Terence Nelson, Jennifer, Tim Marshall, Jason Koch, Ari, Benowitz, Backhaus, STEVE WEST, Wendy Hicks, STEPHANIE POLLARO, Brandon Hall, Heidi, Tim, RYAN STEELBERG, Jeremy Yamaguchi, Timmons, Heidi, Todd Henderson, Anthony Dever, Steve Economos, Scott Steele, Scott Nguyen, Darlynn Morgan, Jerry, AUTUMN STRIER, Mason, Michael Avenatti, Taite, Heather, Bergin, Shelton, BEN BYASSEE, Ralph, Timothy Young, Mason, TIM TIMMONS, Jennifer Sinclair, Robert Pagliarini, Ryan Steelberg, Jesse, 40, Martin Pupil, SCOTT GRAHAM, Ohayon, TODD, Newth Morris, HENDERSON, Matthew, RIB, Jennifer Backhaus, Marsh, HILLIS, 40, Nichole, Scott Nguyen, SARINA JAIN, Carroll, Wendy Hicks, 40, Anthony Dever, Jason Koch, DARLYNN MORGAN, Jennifer Sinclair, AUTUMN STRIER, Ryan Farrelly, 40, JENNIFER BACKHAUS, Todd Henderson, Albert Ko, HEATHER SHELTON.

Our annual list of hot, young professionals is finally here!
(And you'll never guess who's featured on Page 40.)

40 never looked this good! See the video @ **ocmetro.com**

**Assistant dean of counseling services and special programs
at Saddleback College ■ saddleback.edu**

Though he may be a decade younger than many administrators at Saddleback and a quarter century younger than the average community college administrator, 31-year-old Terence Nelson is already hard at work bringing the technology of today's fast-paced world to Saddleback students. But that's not his only mission; Nelson is also responsible for managing millions in grant money and allocations, along with managing faculty, staff and several student programs.

YOUR GREATEST INSPIRATION: The students I serve are my inspiration. Each and every day, I am amazed at the obstacles our students overcome and the barriers they break through. I am blessed to be in the field that I'm in.

MOST SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE: It has been difficult to overcome the reality that you cannot will someone else to be successful. In my line of work, one will occasionally want success more than their students. This can eat you up inside and lead to burnout. Frankly, I still struggle with this.

Executive director of Miracles for Kids ■ miraclesforkids.org

Since Autumn Strier assumed the lead role at Miracles for Kids in 2005, the nonprofit's revenue has increased by almost 800 percent, from \$76,000 to \$600,000 last year. And under her leadership, the organization – which aims to improve the lives of children facing cancer and other life-threatening illnesses – developed a grant program at CHOC Children's Hospital and the Basket of Miracles Program to assist families in medical crises.

YOUR GREATEST INSPIRATION: I am inspired every day by the people I meet who are making a difference in the lives of others. Their dedication to effect change inspires me to do more in my own life, and to work harder to reach those in need.

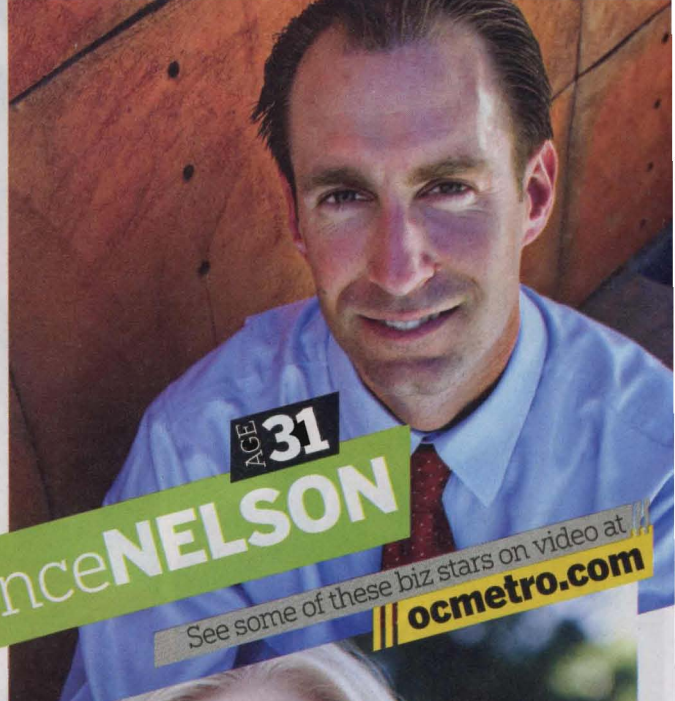
MOST SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE: The balance between achieving success as a wife and mother, and in my career, has always been my biggest challenge. I work to achieve this balance the only way I know how – by staying present in every moment, whether it is with my children or at work, by accepting my limitations and by working hard to grow and learn each day as a person.

Founder and president of SC Homes Inc. ■ schomesbuilder.com

Scott Cross builds million-dollar estates in coastal areas of Southern California, with a focus on the Newport Beach area. He founded his multimillion-dollar company in 2002 at the age of 22. And most recently, he became the youngest builder to work on "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" in the show's six-year history.

YOUR GREATEST INSPIRATION: My parents – my father for his business achievements; my mother for her giving and loving nature

MOST SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE: "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" – a very intense challenge and well worth it. I overcame it by a simple method of organization and delegation: finding and organizing the right people for each department of the project. The 3,000 volunteers were an obvious help. Another challenge would be my age. I started this company when I was 22 years old. Being young, people expected inexperience and sometimes immaturity. I overcame those obstacles simply by proving myself. The ultimate challenge was having clients give me the opportunity to prove myself.



AGE 31
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scott CROSS