

## Woods becomes CEO 18 years after ITS' start

Sharon Woods has worked at Simi Valley-based Integrated Telemanagement Services for 18 years. Her first title, in 1990, was manager of finance and operations. She was one of the first employees the then-new company hired. Now, having been appointed president and chief executive officer in 2002, she's reached some of the goals she laid out for the company.

In September 2007, ITS moved into new corporate headquarters on Guardian Street. In February of this



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year, ITS launched its network services division. The move reflected Woods' commitment to provide the latest technology to the company's clients.

In August, Woods helped complete the acquisition of AmeriComm, a move that added phone equipment and infrastructure to the ITS portfolio.

Woods has a degree in business management from University of Phoenix, and she began her hands-on training in small business as general manager at Sherotec.

She supports the American Heart Association, Simi Valley Education Foundation and Girl Scouts. She's a member of the CEO Roundtable. She's also a member of Women in Technology International.

Her family takes their 40-foot motor home camping monthly. Woods indulges her love for the outdoors with hiking, biking, gardening and horseback riding.

### What was your first job?

I started working at a local printer during the summer of 1985. I handled customers, the front desk and orders.

### What are the top artists on your iPod?

Coincidentally, my 13-year-old son and I have several favorites in common. Classic rock from the '80s has made its way into the middle schools. Journey, Tom Petty and Red Hot Chili Peppers

### What's your proudest accomplishment in life?

I'm blessed with birthing three healthy, brilliant and beautiful children. Growing and owning a successful \$7 million business is another.

### Who is your role model?

My father — a successful business man, entrepreneur, outdoorsman and wonderful parent — is my role model and mentor.

## 40 Under 40 winners reflect tri-county business community

With more than 60 people nominated for the 40 spots, selection to the 2008 40 Under 40 class was as competitive as ever. Business Times Editor Henry Dubroff and Assistant Managing Editor Emily Rancer had their hands full making the final selections. Each nominee was evaluated based on three criteria: professional accomplishment, community involvement and outside validation of those accomplishments.

The winners are a very representative cross section of the tri-



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county business community. The class of 2008 includes representatives from all three counties, entrepreneurs and business services professionals, 25 men and 15 women, and ages ranging from 25 to 39.

There was great enthusiasm displayed in the nomination process, with one candidate receiving more than 40 nominations.

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