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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Young Professional Society of Greater Springfield hosted its 5th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. at City Place Inn & Suites in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The evening started out with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. Mayor Domenic J. Sarno attended the cocktail hour and presented YPS President Pamela Thornton with a proclamation from the city celebrating 5 years of YPS. Springfield Republican news photographer Staff David Molnar provided press coverage, while musician John Berman entertained guests with live music.

Co-hosted by Alfonso Santaniello and Ashley Kohl, guests were treated to a video/audio presentation of the early years of YPS. They feasted on salad, butternut bisque, a combo plate of bistro sirloin, stuffed shrimp casserole and apples normandy with ice cream for dessert. Vegetarian platters were also on hand if needed.

Founding members were presented with Visionary Awards and Baystate Health Systems, Nuvo Bank and MassMutual Financial Group were recognized for their Outstanding Contributions by President Pamela Thornton. Board members Edward Nunez and Somalid Hogan presented the achievements and highlights of YPS. Strategic Plan Co-Chair Juli Thibault and Board member Elizabeth Ginter unveiled YPS' new Three Year Strategic Plan. Members of the Strategic Plan Taskforce were recognized with awards for their hard work, including facilitator Ronn Johnson.

The evening concluded with mingling and dancing until midnight.