

Geospatial Media unveils its inaugural list of
Geospatial World 50 Rising Stars

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Geospatial Media and Communications today announced its inaugural [Geospatial World 50 Rising Stars](#) list – a recognition program, which highlights the outstanding accomplishments of young individuals who are proactive and passionate about the value of geospatial technology to the economy and society.

Selected from a list of over 250 impressive nominations from within the community; the honorees include entrepreneurs, data scientists, researchers, GIS specialists, surveyors, and other professionals representing various sectors across 6 continents and 24 countries.

“I am very excited about this new platform and the well-deserved recognition it brings to this diverse group of outstanding young professionals. I am confident that these bright stars will continue to shine and chart the future of our industry.” said Geospatial Media and Communications’ CEO, Sanjay Kumar. *“I’m particularly pleased with how many young ladies are part of this inaugural list. I would like to congratulate everyone who has made it on to the rising stars list this year and extend my best wishes to them.”*

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- Aimee Barciauskas, Earth Data Team Lead, Development Seed, USA
- Alexander Gunkel, Founder & CEO, Space4Good, The Netherlands
- Alexandra Fredericks, LiDAR Coordinator/Associate Geospatial Liaison, US Geological Survey, USA
- Alison DeGraff Ollivierre, Cartographer, National Geographic Maps, USA
- Anita Graser, Scientist, Austrian Institute of Technology, Austria
- Annina Koskiola, Co-Founder & CEO, Proximi.io, Finland
- Benjamin D'Incau, Senior Data Scientist, Procter & Gamble, Switzerland
- Callum Smith, Senior Consultant, EY Analytics, New Zealand
- Christin Walter, Strategic Foresight Specialist, Ordnance Survey, UK
- Claire Owen, Co-Founder & CTO, DronePrep, UK
- Clara Mundia, Location Analytics Manager, Dalberg Research, Kenya

- Cyhana Lena Williams, Program Manager, Microsoft, Norway
- Eleanor Stokes, Senior Scientist and Lead of Strategic Operations, Universities Space Research Association (USRA), USA
- Elizabeth Carr, Founder & CEO, Planet Patrol CIC, UK
- Emil A. Cherrington, Research Scientist, University of Alabama, USA
- Ephraim Danford, GIS/Data Specialist, USAID Tanzania Data for Development, Tanzania
- Esther Onyekachi Moore, Country Manager, Sambus Geospatial, Nigeria
- Gala Camacho, Data & Analytics Consultant, UK
- Gopika Suresh, Research Fellow, Earth Observatory of Singapore/Asian School of the Environment, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- Ifeanyi Ike, Coordinator, GIS Services, eHealth Africa, Nigeria
- Ishveena Singh, Lead Editor, Geoawesomeness, India
- Jakub Karas, Co-founder & CTO, UpVision, Czech Republic
- Kate O'Loan, GIS Specialist, Australia
- Katie E. Pickett, Program Manager, Cadasta Foundation, USA
- Khimlal Gautam, Chief Survey Officer, Survey Department, Nepal
- Krystal Azelton, Director of Space Applications Programs, Secure World Foundation, USA
- Laura Mugeha, Operations Analyst, Sanergy, Kenya
- Lauren Guy, Founder & CTO, Utilis Corp, Israel
- Lieven Slenders, Geospatial Manager, Gather, UK
- Lilian Ndungu, Thematic Lead-Agriculture and Food Security, RCMRD, Kenya
- Lindsay Chan, Geospatial Analyst, Department of Conservation, New Zealand
- Macarena Pérez García, Head of Strategic Partnerships and Networks, Institute for Disaster Resilience, Chile
- Maitha Alnuaimi, Geographic Information Network Section Manager, Dubai Municipality, UAE

- Morgan A. Crowley, Ph.D. Candidate, McGill University, Canada
- Narelle Underwood, Surveyor-General of NSW, NSW Department of Customer Service - Spatial Services, Australia
- Noorullah Stanikzai, Vice President General for Geospatial Affairs, National Statistics and Information Authority, Afghanistan
- Paloma Merodio, Vice President and Member of the Board, INEGI, Mexico
- Patrick Cozzi, CEO, Cesium, USA
- Patrick O'Neil, Chief Data Scientist, BlackSky, USA
- Rob van Son, Project Lead Digital Underground, Singapore-ETH Centre, Singapore
- Rodrigo Peixoto Ferrão, Senior GIS Consultant, Accenture, Brazil
- Rohini S. Swaminathan, Emergency Specialist, UNICEF, USA
- Siddharth Pandey, Senior Associate, Senior Geospatial Technology Manager, Dewberry Engineers, USA
- Steve Marsh, Founder & CTO, GeoSpock, UK
- Sujay Sreedhar, Chairman & Co-Founder, Society for Space Education, Research and Development, India
- Talal M. Al-Kaissi, Vice President - Space Program & Special Projects, Group 42, UAE
- Tushar Chhabra, Co-Founder & CEO, CronAI, India
- Xiaojiang Li, Assistant Professor, Temple University, USA
- Zhenlong Li, Associate Professor, University of South Carolina, USA
- Zipho Tyoda, CEO, KaTZ Smart, South Africa

Read the Rising Stars individual profile at <https://geospatialmedia.net/rising-stars/2021/>

About Geospatial Media and Communications

Geospatial Media and Communications has been exclusively dedicated to promoting and facilitating growth of geospatial industry and connect the same

with major economic industry domains worldwide. The organization has gained the repute of being a premier media organization producing world-class conferences, state-of-the-art exhibitions, stirring print and online publications, as well as acclaimed market reports within the domain.

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