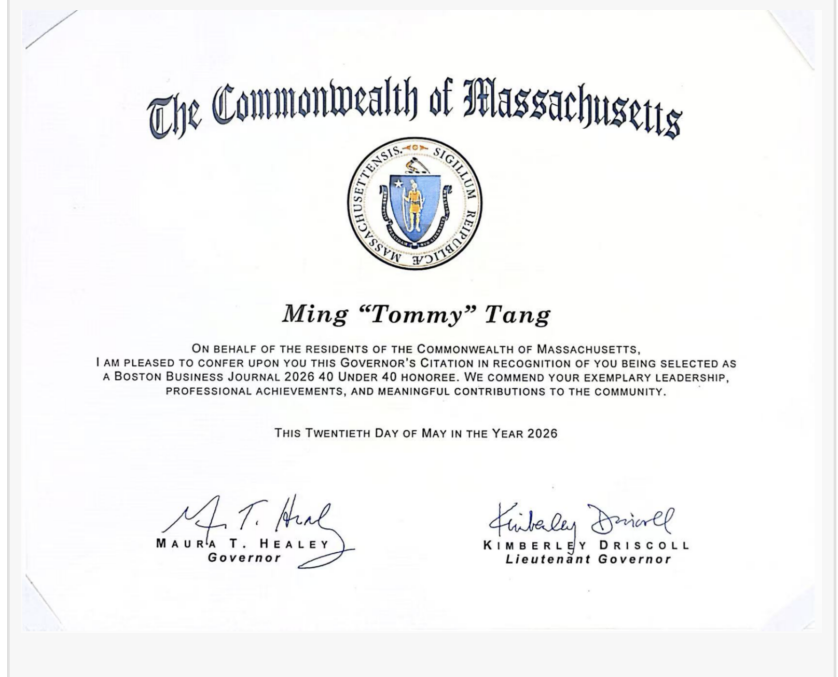


Shaping the Future: Ming 'Tommy' Tang Named to BBJ's Prestigious '40 Under 40' List, Continuing a Legacy of Excellence

BOSTON, MA, UNITED STATES, June 25, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Boston Business Journal (BBJ) has officially unveiled its highly anticipated "40 Under 40" honorees for this year, celebrating the next generation of visionary leaders, entrepreneurs, and changemakers shaping the economic and civic landscape of Greater Boston. Among this year's distinguished class of trailblazers is Tommy Tang, whose exceptional leadership, professional excellence, and profound commitment to community impact have earned him a rightful place on this coveted list.

Now in its nearly three-decade run, the BBJ 40 Under 40 program remains one of Massachusetts' most rigorous and competitive accolades. Out of hundreds of high-caliber nominations submitted annually, only forty individuals are selected through a meticulous review process that evaluates professional achievement, entrepreneurial drive, and public service. Tommy Tang's inclusion not only underscores his personal brilliance but also highlights a powerful, continuing legacy of elite Chinese-American leadership leaving an indelible mark on Boston's premier industries.



Tommy Tang: A Beacon of Modern Leadership and Innovation

Tommy Tang's selection to the "40 Under 40" class represents a triumph of cross-disciplinary excellence. As a dynamic leader in the Greater Boston ecosystem, Tommy has consistently bridged the gap between scientific innovation and sustainable enterprise growth in the pharmaceutical industry. With deep experience spanning drug development, data science, and translational research, he has helped organizations accelerate the path from discovery to patient impact. His strategic foresight and operational execution have advanced bioinformatics and AI-driven approaches across oncology and clinical development, demonstrating a rare ability to navigate complex regulatory and market environments while championing rigorous, inclusive, and patient-centered innovation.

Beyond his corporate and entrepreneurial milestones, what truly elevates Tommy is his unwavering dedication to civic engagement and mentorship. In Boston—a global hub built on intellect and collaboration—Tommy has emerged as a crucial bridge builder, actively empowering the next generation of diverse professionals and ensuring that community advancement moves hand-in-hand with commercial success.

His recognition by the Boston Business Journal reflects a rare alignment of professional mastery and social responsibility. As highlighted in his official BBJ profile, Tommy's work sets a benchmark for how modern executives can drive systemic, positive change across the Commonwealth.

A Passing of the Torch: The Legacy of Louise Liu and Prof. Yi Zheng



Tommy Tang's accolade is not an isolated achievement; rather, it marks the consecutive third year that an extraordinary local Chinese-American leader has captured this prestigious honor. His recognition beautifully echoes the path blazed by his immediate predecessors: Dr. Louise (Ruihua) Liu in 2025, and Professor Yi Zheng in 2024. Together, these three visionaries form an inspiring triptych of innovation, research, and community leadership in Massachusetts.

2025 Alumna: Dr. Louise (Ruihua) Liu



Just last year, the BBJ honored Dr. Louise (Ruihua) Liu, PhD, MBA, the Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Hill Research, in its Class of 2025. Trained as a biostatistician at Yale University and recognized as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Dr. Liu was selected for her groundbreaking work at the intersection of Generative AI and healthcare.

Under her stellar guidance, Hill Research revolutionized clinical trial workflows, leveraging multi-agent AI and advanced algorithms to slash drug development timelines and dramatically accelerate patient recruitment. Her work directly addresses critical challenges in modern biomedical research—enhancing data integrity and ensuring greater patient representation. Dr. Liu's inclusion in the 2025 class highlighted the vital role of women in STEM and immigrant innovators who are redefining Boston's world-class life sciences sector.

2024 Alumnus: Professor Yi Zheng

The foundation for this consecutive streak of excellence was solidified in 2024 when Professor Yi Zheng was named a BBJ 40 Under 40 honoree. A tenured Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at Northeastern University, Director of the Nano Energy Laboratory, and Founder of Planck Energies, Prof. Zheng is a global authority on sustainable energy and green technologies.

With over 100 peer-reviewed papers, 9 U.S. patents, and more than \$4 million in federal grants from the NSF, NIH, and NASA, his pioneering research translates fundamental physics into scalable, real-world climate solutions—such as passive cooling and solar-driven water purification. Beyond his academic and entrepreneurial brilliance, Prof. Zheng is deeply rooted in community governance, serving on the Boston Cultural Council Grant Advisory Board and holding executive leadership roles in prominent civic organizations like APAPA and NECAA to advocate for diversity and civic equity.

Driving Global Impact from the Heart of Boston

The collective achievements of Tommy Tang, Louise Liu, and Yi Zheng illustrate a profound truth about the Greater Boston business ecosystem: true leadership transcends individual profit. Whether it is Tommy's driving civic and pharmaceutical stewardship, Dr. Liu's life-saving healthcare AI, or Prof. Zheng's transformative clean energy innovations, these three leaders embody the core ethos that the Boston Business Journal seeks to elevate.

Their back-to-back-to-back honors demonstrate the rising, undeniable influence of diverse trailblazers in high-tech, academia, entrepreneurship, and community organizing. By honoring Tommy Tang this year, the BBJ continues a proud tradition of spotlighting visionaries who do not just predict the future, but actively build it.

Official Press Sources and Coverage Links

To read the official announcements and deep-dive profiles of these three extraordinary honorees as published by the Boston Business Journal and related corporate press registries, please refer to the primary sources listed below:

*Tommy Tang (Class of 2026):

For the complete list of this year's honorees and Tommy Tang's featured executive profile, visit the official Boston Business Journal portal: Boston Business Journal 40 Under 40 Current Class <https://www.bizjournals.com/boston/c/meet-the-40-under-40-2026.html>

*Dr. Louise (Ruihua) Liu (Class of 2025): Louise Liu Named to Boston Business Journal's Prestigious 2025 "40 Under 40" List <https://www.bizjournals.com/boston/c/40-under-40-collection.html>

*Professor Yi Zheng (Class of 2024):

Review the institutional announcement and the official BBJ 2024 roster celebrating his academic and entrepreneurial innovations at Planck Energies: Zheng Selected for Boston Business Journal 40 Under 40 Roster <https://www.bizjournals.com/boston/news/2024/08/29/boston-business-journal-names-2024-40-under-40.html>

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