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Greatest reward of being a young professional in WNY: I feel honored to work for Adoption STAR, an organization based in Western New York, where young professionals have the opportunity to grow their careers while being a part of creating families. It's organizations with meaningful foundations in Western New York, like Adoption STAR, that provide the greatest rewards.

Greatest challenge of being a young professional in WNY: The exciting challenge to continuously grow one's knowledge base to further advance within the professional world. This allows young professionals

to use their strong work ethic and experience for the benefit of the organization they work for. My positions at Adoption STAR have shown me that the beauty of knowledge is the fact that it's endless!

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