



## **Hannah Kirby: Owner, Ember+Forge**

Hannah Kirby is a native of Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, who holds a Master of Business Administration and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Gannon University.

In 2017, Kirby opened Ember+Forge, a coffeeshop located in downtown Erie. Built from her passion for creating community, Ember+Forge was founded with the purpose of creating a space to connect, collaborate, and share ideas over locally roasted, high-quality coffee.

Kirby is also active in the community through her personal endeavors, having served as president of the Gannon University National Alumni Board; Secretary and Skater for the Erie Roller Girls; and board member of the Erie Parking Authority. She is also the Founder of Pack of Erie Dogs, a dog-walking group that promotes responsible dog ownership.

Hannah has been recognized with numerous awards, including the 2018 & 2019 Erie Reader Best of Erie Awards for Best Local Coffee Shop; 2019 Erie Downtown Partnership CARE Award in Commitment; 2018 Commitment to Erie Awards New Business of the Year; 2014 Erie Reader "40 Under 40" list; 2014 Pennsylvania Commission for Women's Hannah Penn Rising Star Leadership Award; and 2009 ATHENA Young Professional Award.

In her spare time, Hannah enjoys renovating her historic West Bayfront home, riding her motorcycle, and spending time with her husband, Samuel Caraballo, and their two rescue pitbulls, Edison and Sandy.