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The Numbers Cruncher
Michael Benjamin, 27
Controller, Certified Site Safety Inc., Purchase

Michael Benjamin, the youthful controller of Certified Site Safety in Purchase, a construction management firm, is not just good at crunching numbers—he's passionate about it. "It's in my nature to crunch and audit numbers," says Benjamin, a Rye resident who earned a master's with distinction in business marketing from the New York Institute of Technology in 2004. It's that passion coupled with expertise—Benjamin has been working since the age of 16 and was previously the business manager at Lola, a private import retail management firm in Los Angeles) that convinced CSS President and CEO Penny Gianatasio to hire Benjamin in early 2010 and to entrust him with the company's financial health.

Good move on CSS's part. Since Benjamin came on board, the company has reduced overhead costs by changing to an electronic payroll system. "There's less room for manual errors, which has kept our costs down," he says. Benjamin has also helped reduce insurance costs. "I do what a typical CFO does for a large firm."



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