

Event honors area's young business leaders

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DAYTONA BEACH SHORES — The Daytona Beach News-Journal held an awards luncheon Wednesday at The Shores Resort & Spa to honor several area young business leaders.

The "40 Under 40" awards luncheon, which recognized 49 young professionals in the Volusia/Flagler area for their accomplishments both professionally as well as in the community, drew 200 people. The number of honorees wound up being higher than originally planned because of the overwhelming volume of nominations received from readers and staff and the number of outstanding candidates.

The luncheon included six special awards: Jayson Meyer, 33, founder/CEO of Synergy Billing, was named Young Professional of the Year; Priscilla Chanfrau, 39, director of the Council on Aging's Living Gifts Foundation, was named Young Nonprofit Professional of the Year; Steve Sherrer, 38, general manager of Votran, was named Young Local Government Professional of the Year; Brent O'Quinn, 39, owner of O'Quinn Insurance Agency-Allstate, was named Young Small Business Professional of the Year; Owen Chittenden, 38, senior catering manager at The Shores Resort & Spa, was named Young Private-Sector Professional of the Year; and Chris Bowler, 39, vice president of sales at Daytona Beverages and 2015 chair of the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce, was named Young Civic Leader of the Year.

Profiles of this year's honorees can be found online in the March edition of the Volusia/Flagler Business Report at www.vfbr.com.