



## News-Journal 40 Under 40 Awards honor Jayson Meyer as 'Young Professional of Year'

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DAYTONA BEACH SHORES — An estimated 200 people turned out to recognize local young professionals for making a difference both professionally and in the community.

"You are the future of our community," News-Journal Publisher Bill Offill told the packed ballroom at The Shores Resort & Spa on Wednesday at the inaugural Daytona Beach News-Journal/Business Report 40 Under 40 awards luncheon.

The honorees, selected from nominations submitted by readers as well as staff, were featured in the March edition of the Volusia/Flagler Business Report, which was published Monday and can be viewed online at [www.vfbr.com](http://www.vfbr.com).

"One thing I learned from reading these vignettes (of the 40 Under 40 honorees) is the future is now," Offill told the audience, referring to the leadership roles many have already taken in the community.

The News-Journal at the luncheon also announced winners of six special awards:

Jayson Meyer, 33, founder and CEO of Daytona Beach-based Synergy Billing, was named Young Professional of the Year, the event's top honor. His company last year was recognized by Inc. magazine as one of the nation's fastest-growing private companies and by the Florida Economic Gardening Institute as one of the top 50 Florida second-stage companies to watch. The company recently announced plans to develop a 25-acre "Google East-style" headquarters campus on the site of the old Holly Hill Middle School. Meyer is also active in efforts to encourage others to become entrepreneurs and to give back to the community.

Meyer thanked his wife and parents, who were in the audience, for their support, as well as his employees, noting: "You're only as good as your team."