

PRESS RELEASE

Two local Young Professionals Organizations join forces

May 25, 2008, Mobile, AL - Mobile Bay Young Professionals (MBYP) and Mobile Area Young Professionals Alliance (MAYPA) have officially joined forces in their shared goal of retaining and attracting young, educated professionals to the Mobile Bay area. They do so by providing social networking, volunteer, and professional placement and development opportunities for 21-39 year olds in the area. MAYPA is now wholly owned and operated by Mobile Bay Young Professionals, LLC.

Unbeknownst to each other, partners Chris Barraza and Tim Parker started MBYP and MAYPA, respectively, in July and September of 2007. When they realized they both had the same goal in mind, but worked through different avenues, the obvious next step was to figure out how collaboration could increase effectiveness of their cause. MBYP handles coordinating social networking and volunteer activities, and MAYPA has an interactive virtual networking and job placement website.

Since the inception of both MBYP and MAYPA, many area organizations have come forth expressing interest in attracting our shared demographic to their businesses, missions, and boards. Chris and Tim are working with each of them to help facilitate this through planned monthly activities, newsletters, and the formation of member driven committees. They have also consulted with other area YP organizations from New Orleans, Biloxi and the burgeoning YP community in Hattiesburg, MS to trade best practices as they grow.

To learn more about annual membership, upcoming meetings, job opportunities, or how to get more involved, please visit www.maypa.org or www.myspace.com/mbyp.

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