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Stetson University Recognizes Local Entrepreneurs at Awards Ceremony

Local residents recognized for significant accomplishments and contributions to entrepreneurship

DELAND, Florida, May 1, 2018 – Stetson University honored four local community members at the Entrepreneurship Student Expo and Awards Ceremony held recently on the DeLand campus. Jayson Meyer and Michael Zaharios, both from Daytona Beach, Tony Ganus of DeLand, and Tom Prince of Winter Park were all honored in recognition of their significant contributions and impact to local entrepreneurship and to Stetson's Joseph C. Prince Entrepreneurship Program.

"It was tremendously rewarding to recognize so many individuals that have done so much to advance the entrepreneurship eco-system in the local area and specifically the entrepreneurship program at Stetson University," explained Bill Jackson, Ph.D., director of the program. "The event highlighted the significance of everyone working together to make this area a viable location for advancing innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship."

Meyer, president and CEO of Synergy Billing, was named Volusia County Entrepreneur of the Year in recognition of his success in business as well as the impact he has had on the local entrepreneurial community. Meyer built Synergy Billing into one of the fastest growing companies in the nation and was named one of 50 Florida Companies to Watch as well as a first-place recipient of the 2016 Bright House Regional Business Awards. Meyer also was one of the founders of Innovate Daytona, a movement to support entrepreneurship in Volusia County.

Zaharios serves as the program director of Florida High Tech Corridor Council and was one of the founders for 1 Million Cups Daytona Beach and Startup Weekend Daytona Beach. He received the County Entrepreneurship Advocacy Award for his efforts improving the eco-system of entrepreneurship in Volusia County.

The Stetson University Entrepreneurship Advocacy Award was presented to Ganus for the significant role he had in helping advance Stetson's entrepreneurship eco-system. In his role within the duPont-Ball Library's Innovation Center, Ganus provided continuous support to students working on product prototypes and 3-D graphics.

The final award of the evening, the Stetson Entrepreneurship Alumni Award, was presented to Tom Prince '67 in recognition of his success as an entrepreneur and his passion and support advancing entrepreneurship at Stetson. Prince, a successful hotel owner and operator, founded the [Joseph C. Prince Entrepreneurship Program](#) at Stetson through charitable giving.

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