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**COAST YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (CYP) IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE
BLACK TIE & BLUE JEANS AWARDS GALA**

Mississippi Gulf Coast- Coast Young Professionals (CYP) is accepting nominations for their 2nd Annual Black Tie & Blue Jeans Awards Gala, to be held Thursday, June 24, 2010, at LIVE located in the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi.

CYP, in conjunction with event sponsor Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi, will honor 10 of the Mississippi Gulf Coast's accomplished professionals with the "4 Ever Young" award, as well as a "CYP VIP," one CYP member of the year. Nomination forms and guidelines will be available at CYP's website www.CoastYoungProfessionals.com on Monday, February 1. Submissions of nominations are limited to the approximately 400 members of CYP and the deadline to submit nominations is Friday, February 26.

"This event gives young professionals the opportunity to recognize our mentors and leaders on the Mississippi Gulf Coast," said CYP Chair Jessica Crosby. "I encourage all CYP members to nominate someone that's made an impact on them. Let's make this year's Black Tie & Blue Jeans Awards Gala a reason to take off work on Friday!"

For additional information regarding the Black Tie & Blue Jean Awards Gala, to inquire about sponsorships or to purchase tickets, contact CYP Director- Christen Hartley at 228-604-0014. Photos from last year's Black Tie & Blue Jeans Awards Gala can be viewed at www.CoastYoungProfessionals.com.

Coast Young Professionals is an organization of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce committed to developing young leaders on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

