

MATTHEW YOUNKLE  
**BIOGRAPHY**

Matt Younkle is an inventor with an eye for business. His product development work has spanned a wide range of industries: from space research, to networking software, to draft beer. Matt's successes have resulted in the first food to ever be grown in space and the world's fastest retrofittable beer tap. His projects have been featured in *USA Today*, *Popular Science*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *TIME Magazine*, *CNN*, *CNBC*, *FOX News*, *Chicago Sun Times* and the *Tonight Show with Jay Leno*. Matt is a connoisseur and oft-requested speaker on topics of innovation, intellectual property, patents and the commercialization of new products.

Matt is the founder of Laminar Technologies, LLC, the developer of the TurboTap® line of beer dispensing products. Laminar was a 2005 winner of the Chicago Innovation Awards, and TurboTap was named a top invention by both *Popular Science* and *TIME Magazine*.

Matt's latest venture, murfie.com, represents a new way to buy, sell and trade digital music in the form of a social music marketplace.

Matt is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison with degrees in computer science and electrical engineering. He has been awarded thirteen US and international patents.