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**Students to pitch business plans at UR program**

Rochester area middle and high school students from the University of Rochester's Young Entrepreneurs Academy will pitch business plans to local business people during the fourth annual YEA! Investor Panel.

The presentations begins at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Interfaith Chapel on the university's River Campus, 100 Wilson Blvd. The event is free and open to the public.

The Young Entrepreneurs Academy is a nine-month program that guides students in grades 6 -12 through the process of starting a new business. Entrepreneur guest speakers, business mentors and visits to local companies anchor the instruction around real world applications and experiences.

The 27 students, ages 11 to 19, participating in the academy have created 12 distinct enterprises. Based on the merit and appeal of the plan and presentation, the investors will determine the amount of funds to allocate to each business or social movement.



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