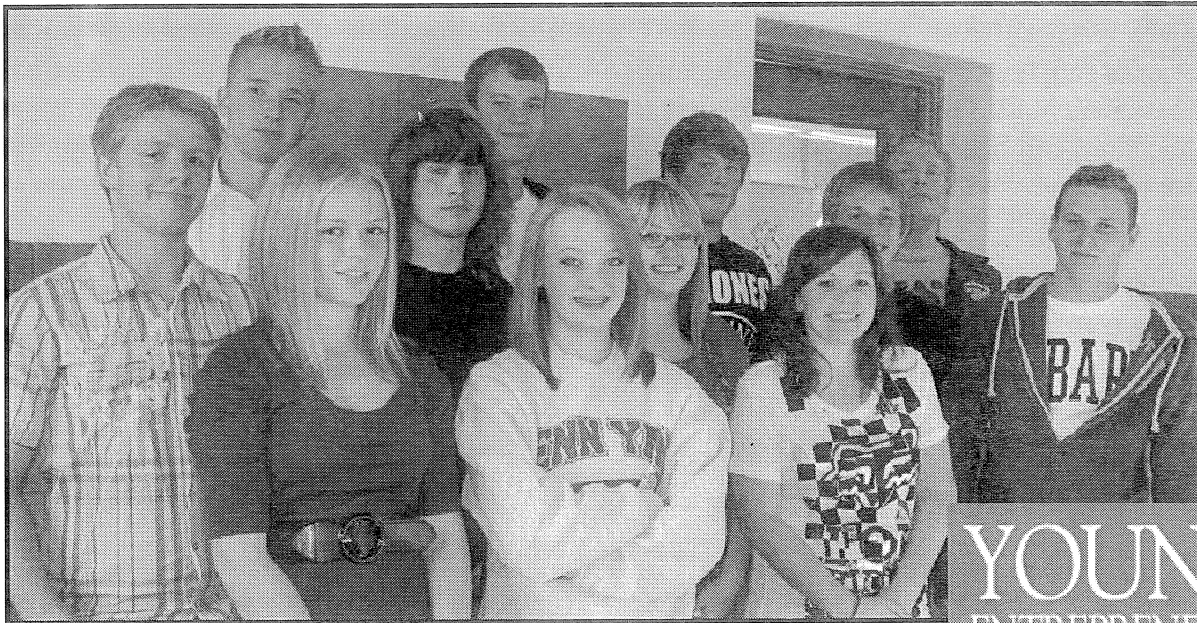


YEA! Young Entrepreneurs Academy

by Vicky Odell, YEA! Program Manager



Pictured (from left to right)

Front Row: Kali Day, Morgan Jensen, Alysen Moore, Steven Snell

Row Two: Corey Day, Gordon Crans, Tessa Fowler, Owen Maloy

Back Row: KC Eldridge, Nate Howell, Anthony McAdams and Josh Earle

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Students from the Young Entrepreneurs Academy Class of 2011 are well underway forming their own businesses in the yearlong program at Dundee Junior-Senior High School.

This year's YEA! Class is headed up by Mr. Bobby Stewart as the instructor, and Mrs. Vicky Odell as Program Manager. This program teaches students, grades 9-12, from all walks of life, how to make a job - not take a job!

They work in close cooperation with their assigned mentors who are local leaders of industry, community members and educators to develop ideas and objectives, write business plans, pitch to potential investors, obtain funding, register with governmental agencies and develop their brand identity and much more! By the end of the class, students own and operate fully functioning businesses that can be carried on after graduation.

In addition to lessons inside the classroom, YEA! introduces students to all types of areas of businesses through field trips and exposure to guest speakers from individual businesses.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all individuals who have generously given of their time,

resources and financial support to the program. This includes local financial investors, mentors, guest speakers and field trip hosts; as well as the numerous others who have helped out during the course of the school day!

YEA!'s direct mission is to help students embrace their passion, energy, creativity and talents, launch a venture and view entrepreneurship as synonymous with success and freedom. In 2008, YEA! "spun-off" from the University of Rochester, where it was formed in 2004 with support from the Kauffman Foundation, to create its own not-for-profit corporation. YEA! Inc. is currently launching sites in colleges, universities and high schools across the country to provide comprehensive, exciting entrepreneurship education, leadership development and innovation training to youth between the ages of 11 and 18 years old in the US thereby making the program available to students at a variety of geographical regions, and providing them with skills they need to succeed in the 21st Century. For more information about the Young Entrepreneurs Academy, please call 585.272.3535 or visit www.yeausa.org