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Students Receive Scholarships for Business Smarts

Youth Entrepreneurs awards more than \$100,000 in scholarships and venture capital grants to high achieving students in Kansas and Missouri

DODGE CITY, Kan. – At the Youth Entrepreneurs Dreams to Dividends regional events, more than \$100,000 will be awarded to high school students in Kansas and Missouri. The scholarships and venture capital grants were given at Youth Entrepreneurs’ regional Dreams to Dividends award ceremonies, which celebrate the best business minds in the program.

Youth Entrepreneurs is a nonprofit organization that teaches entrepreneurship and business fundamentals to students in 28 high schools in Kansas and Missouri.

Scholarships and venture capital grants ranging from \$50-\$8,000 will be awarded to more than 70 Youth Entrepreneurs students. These awards, made available by individual and corporate donors, provide students with the opportunity to continue their business ventures or pursue higher education.

“The students, volunteers, teachers and donors were phenomenal this year,” said Youth Entrepreneurs executive director Kylie Stupka. “Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of donors, many students will be receiving scholarships for higher education and venture capital grants to follow their passion for business.”

Youth Entrepreneurs’ Southwest Kansas Region held its Dreams to Dividends awards ceremony Monday, May 9 at Wright Park Hoover Pavilion in Dodge City, Kan.

Southwest Kansas Regional Scholarship Winners

Ellis Foundation Scholarship \$8,000

Tanner Miller- Dodge City High School
Vanessa Nunez- Dodge City High School
Cale Woydziak- Dodge City High School
JD Young- Dodge City High School

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Youth Entrepreneurs Joint Venture Scholarship \$8,000

Asher (Erik) Chester- Garden City High School

Dodge City Community College Scholarship

Jesus Barron—Dodge City High School

Natalie Cabello—Dodge City High School

Gabriela Hernandez—Dodge City High School

Sarah Tabor—Dodge City High School

Tanner Miller—Dodge City High School

Vanessa Nunez—Dodge City High School

Cale Woydziak—Dodge City High School

Business Plan Competition Winners

Awards were also given for winners of the business plan competitions last month. Youth Entrepreneurs students first presented their business plans in classroom competitions. The winners advanced to the regional competition, where students submitted their written business plans and orally presented their business idea to a panel of judges. First place and runners-up at the regional level advanced to the state competition in Wichita on April 28. Winners of the state competition received venture capital funding for their businesses.

Regional Business Plan Competition Winners received venture capital funds.

Southwest Kansas Region:

Asa Gottsponer- Garden City High School, \$1,000

Asher (Erik) Chester- Garden City High School, \$750

Alicia Martinez- Garden City High School, \$500

State Business Plan Competition Winners

1st Place: Jordan Haas—Upbeat Instruct—Andover High School \$2,500

2nd Place: Asher (Erik) Chester— Buzz Session—Garden City High School \$1,000

3rd Place: Yadira Chavez— Scoops—Wichita North High School \$500

Volunteer Recognition

Aside from student awards, outstanding teachers and volunteers were also recognized. The regional recipients were:

Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, Southwest Kansas Region

Noel Gaucin, Dodge City High School Business Plan Advisor

Bob Tempel, Garden City High School Business Plan Advisor

About Youth Entrepreneurs

Founded in 1991 by the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation, Youth Entrepreneurs teaches free enterprise fundamentals to high school students through hands-on experiences. The program gives students the skills and tools to start their own business or enhance their business skills for future career opportunities, as well as encourages them to continue into higher education. Funded completely by private donations, Youth Entrepreneurs is a public 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, to donate or to volunteer with Youth Entrepreneurs, please visit www.youthentrepreneurs.org.

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