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Youth Entrepreneurs Kansas Now Offers Credit Through Butler Community College

College credit offered to 180 students in Kansas and Missouri schools

WICHITA, Kan. – Continuing a tradition of promoting entrepreneurship and higher education, Youth Entrepreneurs Kansas (YEK) will now offer college credit to its students through a new partnership with Butler Community College. The course is offered to the first 180 YEK students to apply and be accepted by the college. Butler Community College offers one hour of credit for a semester-long online course and two hours of articulated credit for completion of YEK's yearlong course. The online course consists of book reviews, current-event discussions, entrepreneur interviews and the submission of a business plan executive summary.

"YEK promotes higher education, and this is a great way for students to get a head start on their college career," said Kylie Stupka, YEK executive director. "We are very happy to partner with Butler Community College to offer this to our students."

YEK provides students with business and entrepreneurial education in 26 schools throughout the state of Kansas, as well as three schools in Independence, Mo. The goal of the curriculum is to stimulate economic thinking skills, encourage intelligent risk-taking, provide practical business expertise and instill independence and personal responsibility. YEK students write business plans, participate in classroom competitions, and work with community business leaders to enhance their business skills for future endeavors, including entrepreneurship and higher education.

"Butler Community College is honored to partner with YEK in this endeavor," said Dr. Kori Gregg, senior executive director, economic development/corporate services, Butler Community College. "We believe strongly that entrepreneurship is the catalyst to economic growth and

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assisting in the development of our youth, not only as entrepreneurs but as college students, is a venture that we take seriously.”

Butler Community College is a public, two-year postsecondary institution with six campuses located throughout southeastern Kansas.

About Youth Entrepreneurs Kansas (YEK)

Founded in 1991 by the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation, YEK 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, YEK is a public 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, to donate or to volunteer with YEK, please visit www.yeks.org.

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