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**Youth Entrepreneurs Kansas Partners with
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney for Alumni Competition**
Local winners to receive all-expenses-paid trip to New York City

WICHITA, Kan. – Continuing a relationship that dates back to 1995, Youth Entrepreneurs Kansas (YEK) has teamed up with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney for its annual summer partnership. Similar to an internship, the summer partnership provides YEK alumni with hands-on business experience and networking opportunities while learning about the financial investment industry.

Over the course of the summer partnership, participants learn about the financial investment industry and research and choose a stock with guidance from a Morgan Stanley Smith Barney financial advisor. The eight-week program culminates with an intense competition in which participants make a series of five-minute presentations to each broker at the firm, exhibiting what he or she has learned about the industry and details about their stock choice. Five finalists will be selected to make a formal 10-minute presentation the following week in front of previous YEK winners.

The top two presenters will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to New York City where they will tour the financial district, including the trading floor at the New York Stock Exchange and the Morgan Stanley Smith Barney headquarters.

This year's YEK alumni summer partnership participants are:

- Jasmine Clemons of Andover Central High School
- Vanessa Maloney of Andover Central High School
- Tyler Newman of Augusta High School
- Maria Curry of Kapaun Mount Carmel High School

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- Hillary Severt of Kapaun Mount Carmel High School
- David Garcia of Newton High School
- Brittnie Dillon of Newton High School
- Lauren McCurdy of Newton High School
- Emily Hayden of Wichita North High School
- Hannah Wu of Wichita East High School
- Evan Brooks of Wichita South High School

“We are honored to be able to continue to work with the YEK alumni,” said Paul Attwater, first vice president, wealth management, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. “The presentations are a great way for the participants to showcase what they’ve learned over the course of the summer and prove that they can perform under pressure.”

The finals will take place **July 21 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 8301 E. 21st St. N., Suite 150 in Wichita. Video and interview opportunities will be available.**

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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