

Young Entrepreneur Academy (YEA!)

The Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) is a groundbreaking and exciting year long class that transforms middle and high school students into real, confident entrepreneurs. Throughout the class, students develop business ideas, write business plans, conduct market research, pitch their plans to a panel of investors, and actually launch and run their own real, legal, fully formed companies and social movements. Complete with dynamic guest speakers from the local business community and exciting behind-the-scenes trips to local companies, the fun, projects-based YEA! approach empowers students to take charge of their futures in a profound way.

The classes are taught on the campuses of NOVA, FAU/ JUPITER and SCRIPPS Research Institute. The year culminates with our Investor Panel event, modeled after the *Shark Tank* format, in which where students pitch their ideas and ask for funding to launch their business.

There are 3 ways in which Chamber members can get involved:

1. **KNOW A STUDENT?** Identify a student who would be a good candidate for the program. He/She will need to fill out an application and be interviewed . We can only accept 24 students each year. Applications can be found on our web site at www.npbchamber.com/yea
2. **VOLUNTEER** your time and expertise to influence the lives of our future community business leaders. It takes about 40 volunteers to make this program run successfully. We need teachers, guest speakers, mentors and field trip hosts.
3. **SPONSOR** There are several levels of sponsorship opportunities.

YEA! SPONSOR LEVELS AND BENEFITS:

PRESENTING SPONSOR - \$10,000 (1 Available) – SOLD For 2015-2016

- Featured Guest Speaker at YEA! Investor Panel Event & Graduation
- Premium Recognition at all YEA! Signature Events: Orientation, YEA! Investor Panel Event, YEA! Tradeshow and Graduation
- Recognition on ALL press releases, local application, invitations and marketing materials
- Premium Recognition in YEA! Investor Panel Program
- Featured in “Thank You” story in local press releases
- Company logo & link on our YEA! website & local application form
- Opportunity as representative to participate as a Judge on local Investor Panel Event

PLATINUM SPONSOR - \$3,500 (2 Available)

- Prominent Recognition at One YEA! Signature Event [see above list of possible events]
- Recognition on printing marketing materials, including local application and prominent recognition in YEA! Investor Panel Program
- Inclusion in “Thank You” story in local press releases
- Invitation to all YEA! Signature events
- Company logo & link on our YEA! website
- Opportunity as representative to participate as a Judge on local Investor Panel Event

PREMIER SPONSOR - \$2,500 (3 – 5 Available)

- Opportunity as representative to participate as a Judge on local Investor Panel Event
- Included in Sponsorship Listing at all YEA! Signature Events
- Included in YEA! Investor Panel Program
- Invitation to all YEA! Signature events
- Listed in “Thank You” story in local press releases
- Company logo & link on our YEA! website

PIONEER SPONSOR - \$1,000

Recognition at YEA! Investor Panel Event and inclusion in program

- Invitation to all YEA! Signature events
- Company logo on our YEA! Website

FRIEND SPONSOR - \$500

- Recognition at YEA! Investor Panel Event and inclusion in program
- Invitation to all YEA! Signature events

IMPORTANT DATES- Everyone is welcome!

March 10, 2016- 6 p.m. Investor Panel @ FAU LifeLong Learning Center in Jupiter

April 24 2016 9 a.m. – Noon - Students will have a booth at the Palm Beach Gardens Greenmarket

April 27 2016 5:30 p.m. Graduation @ Scripps Research Institute

If you are interested in getting involved in this amazing program and having an impact on the lives of these incredible students, please contact Suzanne Hearing at 561.748.3954 or shearing@npbchamber.com

Success Story

Kayla Abramowitz, Kayla Cares for Kids



Kayla Abramowitz is a graduate of the NPBC Chamber of Commerce YEA! program, class of 2014-2015. Through the program, Kayla developed her non-profit, Kayla Cares 4 Kids, whose

mission is to help sick kids feel better by providing entertainment and educational items to medical facilities and supporting organizations. Not only did Kayla win the regional competition, where she competed with YEA! from other chapters in the South East U.S., she went on to win the national competition in Washington, D.C.. Kayla's life has forever been changed. She has grown her organization, had numerous opportunities to share her story both locally and nationwide, and earned more than \$30,000 in scholarships and awards; and it all started right here, with the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce.