



YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS *Academy*

The **Young Entrepreneurs Academy** teaches middle and high school students how to start and launch their own, real, businesses. In the class, students come up with a big idea, develop business plans, pitch those plans to investors for real funding (think *Shark Tank*), launch real businesses, and graduate as CEOs! Top YEA! students nationwide compete for an opportunity to present at the YEA! Saunders Scholars competition and win business prize packages, and college scholarships.

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Be a Part of the Next Big Thing as the **YEA! Investor Panelist**

As a YEA! Investor Panelist you will:

- Agree to donate real funding to fund the dreams of students
- Ask thoughtful questions and collaborate with other judges to render thoughtful funding decisions
- Help select the business with the most potential success that emulates qualities of Mr. E. Philip Saunders to represent your community at the Saunders Scholars national college scholarship competition

The YEA! Investor Panel judges are the who's-who in the local business community, and they provide real funding and feedback to the student enterprises. By participating as an Investor Panel judge, you are helping launch the dreams of these young kids.

The Investor Panel has a significant impact on the students' ability to launch and run their enterprises and social movements.



Student Spotlight: Rachel Zietz

"I am a lacrosse player. In YEA! I learned how to take my love of lacrosse and improve the game with my own line of lacrosse re-bounders and goals. I got real funding and launched Gladiator Lacrosse in YEA!. Two years later I have passed the million dollar mark in sales, and pitched to the "sharks" on ABC TV's *Shark Tank*!"

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