

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS *Academy*



The Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) is a groundbreaking program that transforms local middle and high school students into real entrepreneurial success stories through an exciting, projects-based approach. Complete with the involvement of successful entrepreneurs as guest speakers and field trip hosts, students learn how to launch and run their own real businesses through this dynamic program.

Impact:

- 100% of Academy Graduates Graduate High School on Time
 - 99% of Academy Graduates Enroll in College
 - 19% of YEA! Students Start Second Businesses
 - 50% of YEA! Students Continue Business for More Than 1 Year
 - 49% of YEA! Students are Female
 - 56% of YEA! Students are Underrepresented Minorities
 - 42% of YEA! Students matriculate to host institution when hosted on a college campus YEA! Students have been awarded over a half million dollars in scholarships as a result of their involvement in YEA!
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 - 2,298 YEA! students nationwide have launched more than 1,700 real businesses in America.
 - Over 10,000 business and community leaders have supported the students' experiences as YEA! volunteers.
- YEA! strengthens the community and the community strengthens YEA!. Students are able to network with and develop relationships with local business leaders, create jobs, and launch businesses in their own backyard. Students see that they can make a difference within the communities in which they live. The enthusiasm and success of the students are empowering for the entire community!

YEA! Lynchburg's First Class (2012-2013)

- 13 students ages 13-18 graduated inaugural Lynchburg class in May, 2013
- 10 NEW businesses
- \$5,400 was invested in these 10 enterprises by local investors

YEA! Lynchburg's Second Class (2013-2014)

- 17 students ages 11-18 graduated in June, 2014
- Nine schools in our region were represented
- 13 NEW Businesses
- \$6,000 was invested in these 13 enterprises by local investors

YEA! Lynchburg's Third Class (2014-2015)

- 15 students ages 11-18 graduated in May, 2015
- Nine schools in our region were represented
- 11 NEW Businesses
- \$6,000 was invested in these 11 enterprises by local investors

YEA! Lynchburg's Fourth Class (2015-2016)

- Nine students ages 11-18 graduated in May 2016
- Eight area middle and high schools represented
- Nine NEW businesses
- \$6,000 was invested in these nine enterprises by local investors

GET INVOLVED IN YEA! LYNCHBURG (2016-2017):

For more information and to get engaged in YEA! Lynchburg, email Christine Kennedy at the Lynchburg Regional Chamber at yea@lynchburgchamber.org or call (434) 845-5968 x12. Needed Are:

- Business Mentors
- Guest Speakers
- Graphic Designers
- Web Developers
- Field Trip Business Locations