



A student entrepreneurship competition featuring 61 high school and 8 community college teams from across Kansas has awarded entrepreneurial-minded students with \$75,000 in prize money. Judges awarded 24 teams with an Excellent rating and 45 teams with a Good rating.

The Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge gave students experience in the process of making a business proposal. The annual event was organized by the Kansas State University [Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship](#) and was sponsored by the Kansas Masonic Foundation on behalf of all Kansas Masons, and supported by Network Kansas.

"I was amazed by the maturity and poise of all of the students and was particularly impressed with the innovative ideas on display," said Robert Nelson, President of the Kansas Masonic Foundation. "We see this event as an opportunity for the Kansas Masons to extend our charitable mission to help young people build businesses that are going to help the state's economy and be beneficial to all Kansans."

The Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge saw teams compete in two areas: an executive summary and a mock boardroom session. In the mock boardroom, judges reviewed each teams' executive summary and had 10 minutes with each team to ask questions about their businesses. The judges' scores were used to determine winners in the different competition divisions.

High school teams also had the option to participate in a tradeshow event showcasing their products and services. Guests at the competition were able to vote for their favorite idea. The winning team received a \$500 prize sponsored by Network Kansas.

"This event is an opportunity to showcase the tremendous entrepreneurial talent we have in the state of Kansas," said Chad Jackson, director of the Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship. "The real-world experience of pitching a business in front of the type of business experts we have on our panel is invaluable to these students, and provides real-world feedback and support to launch companies within our state."

High school competition winners (in no particular order):

| Prize Money | Business | Student | Junior/High School |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| \$1200 | Tiger Coffee | Allison Lopez Hannah Son Lillian Brummer Tara Dowling | St. John High School |
| \$1200 | The Sweet Treat | Dalton Estes Riley Lusk | Hutchinson High School |
| \$1,200 | 720 Food Bus | Gabriel Sorensen | Leavenworth High School |
| \$1,200 | C. Creative Marketing | Carolina Barraza | Pike Valley High School |
| \$1,200 | Turning Tires | Aiden Conrad | Osborne High School |
| \$1,200 | Frack Sweet Scents | Cooper Frack | Norton High School |
| \$1,200 | Intricates | Bryan Garvert | Plainville High School; |
| \$1,200 | Mathematics Matters | Hunter Hulse | Sylvan-Lucas High School |
| \$1,200 | Donley Brother's Mowing | Cruz Donley Owen Donley Thaddeus Donley | Homeschool Team – Ellsworth |
| \$1,200 | Sierra's Esthetics | Sierra Britton | Kiowa County High School |
| \$1,200 | Magnolia's | Maggie Peterson | Smith Center High School |

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| \$1,200 | SFI - Solutions | Isaac Cavazos | Jetmore High School |
| \$1,200 | Sweets, Inc Sweet Clouds Cotton | Maya Wagstaff | Leavenworth High Scholl |
| \$1,200 | Candy | Brody Kramer | Clay Center High School |
| \$1,200 | ICY-T | Maley Hansen | Wichita North High School |
| \$1,200 | Cozee Toes | Cody Wright Jordan Jones | Colby High School |
| \$1,200 | Drivyn | Evyn Cox | |
| \$1,200 | Larison Lawn Care | Derek Larison | Riverton High School |
| \$1,200 | Hendricks Hawaiian | Matt Hendricks | Cheylin High School |
| \$1,200 | Stenzel Film | Emily Stenzel | Hays High School |
| \$600 | Room Décor Alley | Reese Reitz | Wamego High School |
| \$600 | Midwest Dream Yards | Lawson Bailey | Scott City High School |
| \$600 | Kiley's Creations | Kiley Stevenson | Ellinwood High School |
| \$600 | Smart Shot | Shelby Alexander | Hays High School |
| \$600 | Creative Clay Co. Swimming Lessons with | Riley Forge | Council Grove Junior High |
| \$600 | Ainsley | Ainsley Charest | Hayden High School |
| \$600 | Crumbs to Heaven | Melany Busot | Manhattan High School |
| \$600 | Royal Ice | R. Conrad Cassell | Wabaunsee Junior High |
| \$600 | Second Stitch Swimwear | Carmen Eisenbrandt | Labette County High School |
| \$600 | She's Fit Fitness | Judith Diaz Zaragoza | Wyandotte High School |
| \$600 | Donkey Doo | Adia Peck | Salina Central High School |
| \$600 | NextDoorGig | Quinton Pfaff | St. Thomas Aquinas High School |
| \$600 | Farm Fresh | Charlie Andrade | Free State High School |
| \$600 | Two Little Goats | Kansas Lange | Homeschool Team - Pawnee Co. |
| \$600 | B&T Destinations | Brooke Wehrman Tressa Wehrman | Sylvan-Lucas High School |
| \$600 | Chatter Box | Gabby Poels | Phillipsburg High School |
| \$600 | Ayers Buddies Pet Sitting | Taylor Ayers | Stockton High School |
| \$600 | Kaos Creations | Ava Rodgers | Colby High School |
| \$600 | Goat Milk? Soap | Jonah Sandford | Girard High School |
| \$600 | Kayla's Confections | Kayla LaRosh | Osborne Junior High School |
| \$600 | Seasons Flower Shop Wamego Learning and | Halle Klotz | Crest High School |
| \$600 | Education Center | Jocelyn Stewart | Wamego High School |
| \$600 | On the Bloch | Hadyn Blochlinger | Goodland High School |
| \$600 | The Chopping Block Oasis Airsoft and | Owen Russell | Pike Valley High School |
| \$600 | Paintball | Hunter Blackwood Josh Wood | Concordia High School |
| \$600 | Wonderfully Made | Haylee Cockroft | St. John's Catholic School |
| \$600 | Go-Go Travel | Bo de Groof | Leavenworth High School |
| \$600 | Media Ape | Alonso Frances Aguilar | Scott City High School |
| \$600 | Strings and Dings | Jesus Mariscal | Salina South High School |
| \$600 | Dirty Dog Café | Annabelle Gorman | Fort Scott High School |

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| \$600 | Karlee's Kreations | Karlee Evans | Bucklin Junior High |
| \$600 | CW Junk Removal | Cody Oden | Sterling High School |
| | Downtown Western | Wyatt Beltz | |
| \$600 | Wear | Ashlyn Schultze | Osborne Junior High School |
| \$300 | Partners n' Care | Brittany Swartz | Colby Junior High School |
| \$300 | | Madison Hull | |
| \$600 | Dungeon Combat Cards | Jacob Frese | Chanute High School |
| | West Side Pressure | | |
| \$600 | Washing | Erik Haemaelaeninen | Winfield High School |
| | | Logan Burleson | |
| \$600 | Kaden's Carryout | Kaden Perry | Elkhart High School |
| \$600 | Thoughtful Words | Moriah Jost | Hillsboro High School |
| \$600 | Aligning Local Stars | Joshua Bocox | McPherson High School |
| \$600 | TOS Construction | Titus Sherer | Greeley County High School |
| \$600 | Biermann Pottery | Sidney Biermann | Wichita East High School |

Community college competition winners (in no particular order):

| Prize money | Business | Student | Community/Tech College |
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| \$2800 | Happy Tails Salon | Teryn Teeter | Garden City Community College |
| \$2800 | Unleashed | Fiona Barelli | Labette Community College |
| \$2800 | Capone's | Greg Gieber | Highland Community College – Wamego |
| \$2800 | Meta Energy | Chance Pippert | Johnson Co. Community College |
| | | Ethan Showalter | |
| | | Sean Dunning | |
| \$2800 | FlyAway | Connor Klecan | Cloud Co. Community College |
| | | Tom Poole | |
| \$2000 | Owlaid | Gerardo Arana | Cloud Co. Community College |
| \$2000 | Treefrog | | Neosho Co. Community College |
| | Smoothie | Grace Slabaugh | |
| \$2000 | VaxOral | Holly Tevebaugh | Coffeyville Community College |