

Students Ready Business Plans

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Jim Peterson of Peterson Roofing and Suellen Wolk from Northwest Suburban United Way talked to Prospect High School entrepreneurs in early February.

Five students from the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA) at Prospect High School in Mt. Prospect will pitch their business plans to members of the local business community during the program's annual Investor Panel Event Thursday, Mar. 21.

A reception in the school's Community Room will begin at 5:30 p.m. with presentations commencing at 6 p.m.

Based on the appeal and merit of the plans and presentations, representatives from Bosch Tool Corp., American Chartered Bank, Mt. Prospect Lions Club, Mt. Prospect Child Care Center, and B & E Accounting & Tax CPA will determine the amount of funds to allocate to each

business or social movement. The students will present their business venture and social movements to the public for the first time and compete for funding that will enable them to get their ideas off the ground and running.

In early February, students were introduced to local business owners to discuss how they became business leaders. The meeting – called a CEO Roundtable – was a chance for local leaders and CEOs to share their experience and insight into the business world with the next generation of CEOs.

Jim Peterson from Mt. Prospect-based Peterson Roofing, Inc. and Suellen Wolk from Northwest Suburban United Way attended the event. The students had an opportunity

to talk one-on-one and ask questions to local leaders about how they got their start in business.

Peterson stressed the importance of protecting personal and professional reputations.

“Treating customers right and doing business in a fair manner is what makes a business successful and trustworthy,” Peterson told students.

As part of the YEA program, students are introduced to all facets of the business world including, but not limited to, advertising, insurance agents, graphic designers and web developers. YEA is a Mt. Prospect Chamber of Commerce program.