



National Council on Economic Education

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## **The National Council on Economic Education Announces EntrepreneurshipWeekUSA Winners**

**New York, NY, 2/24/07** – The National Council on Economic Education (NCEE) participated in the first annual EntrepreneurshipWeek USA, adding its support and resources to a national effort to inspire and encourage young people to consider entrepreneurship as a career choice and to celebrate America’s unique culture of inventiveness.

NCEE hosted and organized a contest designed to inspire, educate and prepare young people to be among America’s next great entrepreneurs and innovators. The contest asked students to choose an entrepreneur from their state and submit an entry explaining why the entrepreneur’s invention or idea was economically viable and socially responsible.

The winning entries are featured on the Gallery of Entrepreneurs, [www.galleryofentrepreneurs.com](http://www.galleryofentrepreneurs.com), and \$50 was awarded to the classrooms that submitted those entries. In addition, the Maryland Council on Economic Education, the Arkansas Council on Economic Education, and the Illinois Council on Economic Education entered the most student submissions and were awarded \$500 in recognition of their significant contribution to the success of EntrepreneurshipWeek USA.

“Entrepreneurship education is about the good old fashioned American virtues of self reliance and responsibility. It is about empowerment,” said Robert Duvall, President and CEO of the NCEE. “The NCEE empowers young people to make the most of their human capital, by teaching them to develop entrepreneurial ways of thinking and problem-solving.”

The NCEE ([www.ncee.net](http://www.ncee.net)) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to improving economic and financial literacy. Both directly and through its unique nationwide network of State Councils and more than 200 university-based Centers for Economic Education, NCEE’s programs reach over 150,000 K-12 teachers and more than 15 million students in more than 70,000 schools each year.

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