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## 2009 High School Business Plan Competition Results

On Friday August 14, Enterprise Centre Sault Ste. Marie held the 8<sup>th</sup> annual High School Business Plan Competition Awards Ceremony at the Great Northern Hotel and Conference Centre. The competition was a great success with 10 business plan submissions, both in English and French, while attracting 50 people to the event.

The evening began with registration at 5:00pm and a Summer Company tradeshow where some students were in attendance showcasing their summer businesses and services. At 5:30, a hot and cold appetizer buffet was served until the awards began at 6:30pm.

Enterprise Centre General Manager Andrew Ross emceed the awards and distributed Certificates of Participation to applicants. Councillor Pat Mick was in attendance to represent the City of Sault Ste. Marie and Emily Colombo represented MP Tony Martin; each delivered a speech to welcome guests and congratulate youth from Algoma District for being involved in youth entrepreneurship. Some event sponsor representatives were in attendance including Algoma University's Bev Teller and Innovation Centre's Mei Ling. Both Teller and Ling said a few words and presented one of the top three awards, as did Councillor Pat Mick.

### The winners of this year's High School Business Plan Competition are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Daniel St. Jules for "WebEnuity"; Daniel is in grade 12 at St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Peter Stinnissen for "Peter's Pickle Patch"; Peter attends École Secondaire Catholique St. Joseph in Grade 10 in Wawa  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Jesse Gherbaz & Michelle Lavoie-Pintar for "J et M Gym"; Both Jesse and Michelle are in grade 12 at École Secondaire Catholique Trillium in Chapleau  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Christine Fortin & Shawn Hann for "Étoile Filante"; Both attend École Secondaire Catholique Trillium in Chapleau with Christine in Grade 12 and Shawn in Grade 11  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Mariane Perreault & Marie-Eve Servent for "Chocolat Chez Eve et Anne"; Both Mariane and Marie-Eve attend École Secondaire Catholique Trillium in Chapleau in Grade 10

Other applicants include Jenessa James from St. Basil Secondary School, Colton King from Central Algoma Secondary School, Dale Rayner from Central Algoma Secondary School, Michelle Robinson from Central Algoma Secondary School and Cody Stubbe from Central Algoma Secondary School.

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**Congratulations to Algoma District's 2009 High School Business Plan Competition winners and applicants for your effort and dedication!**



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