



Local students step into the shark tank

Young entrepreneurs from Escambia County to pitch ideas to area investors

PENSACOLA, Fla. – March 29, 2016 – Tonight, 11 local students will pitch their business plans to some of the most prominent members of the region’s business community during Greater Pensacola’s Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) investor panel showdown.

Designed to give participating YEA! students the opportunity to get their business ideas off the ground, this shark tank-like event will be judged by a panel of local investors made up of Gulf Power’s Sales Support Manager Angela Carter, Nowak Enterprises’ Pete Nowak, Chick Fil A Nine Mile Rd.’s Roger Campbell, Central Credit Union’s Vice President of Compliance Maggie Conaghan, Pen Air Federal Credit Union’s Director of Marketing Pam Hatt, Pensacola Blue Wahoos’ Jonathan Griffin, Warren Averett’s CPA and office managing member Cyndi Warren, Pensacola Business Radio’s Keith Hoffert, and THG Investments’ Founder Chad Henderson.

The students, who have been refining their business plans for nearly six months, will pitch their proposals on stage and be judged based on the pragmatism and merit of each project. Investors will grant funds for offsetting startup costs without taking an equity position in the company.

Who: Pensacola Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) – hosted by the Greater Pensacola Chamber, Global Business Solutions, Inc.

What: Investor Panel Presentation

When: Tuesday, Mar. 29, at 6 p.m., with a brief reception beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Pensacola Little Theatre, 400 S. Jefferson St., Pensacola, FL 32502

Cost: Free for public

For more information about YEA!, visit PensacolaChamber.com/YEA or contact Terri Ramos, Vice President of Global Business Solutions, Inc., at (850) 944-7579 or at t Ramos@gbsi.com.

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About the Greater Pensacola Chamber

Founded in 1889, the Greater Pensacola Chamber is driven to create a climate of growth and success, to ensure economic prosperity and to enhance the quality of life in Greater Pensacola. The Pensacola Chamber Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, oversees Leadership Pensacola and completed Vision 2015, a five-year plan for job creation that brought more than 8,000 jobs to the area within three years. These initiatives take a strategic approach to regional growth and community building with the goal of building a healthier, better-educated workforce; continuing to advance the region’s economic positioning; and improving community infrastructure. For additional information, please visit www.pensacolachamber.com, facebook.com/pensacolachamber, linkedin.com/company/greaterpensacolachamber or follow [@pcolachamber](https://twitter.com/pcolachamber).

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