



## Inspiring Young Entrepreneurs!

 Big congratulations to the **amazing students** from **Incubatoredu** and **ACCElertoredu** who participated in the **ECC Entrepreneurship Event and Competition!** We're incredibly proud of all of you for your innovative ideas and entrepreneurial spirit. 

Students from Central, Hampshire, Jacobs, and Dundee-Crown High Schools had the incredible opportunity to visit Elgin Community College for a day of learning, inspiration, and were involved in a Pitch Competition!

Here's a snapshot of what students experienced:



**Healthcare Department Tour:** Students explored ECC's healthcare programs.



**Inspirational Speakers:** We heard from industry leaders like:

- **Dorian Earl** owner of **Devcon** (AI Consultant) on the future of artificial intelligence
- **Deuce Ramon**, owner of **Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ**, sharing the entrepreneurial journey
- **David Bear**, owner of 35 **McDonald's franchises**, offering insights into business ownership



**Pitch Competition:** Students from **INCubatoredu** and **ACCElertoredu** programs across schools competed with their innovative business ideas. ECC students also joined in the friendly competition, showcasing their entrepreneurial spirit and creativity!



**Networking & Lunch:** Students enjoyed a delicious lunch while networking with speakers, mentors, and fellow student entrepreneurs.

A special shoutout to our **CHS Pitch Competition winners:**

### Ideation (Individual Competition):



#### **First Place – David Lederman**

Business Idea: **iServe**

David presented an innovative solution to help waiters enhance their service seamlessly.



#### **Second Place – Nathan Gibbons**

Business Idea: **Soap Stick**

Nathan's idea is a soap scrub brush with a gravity-fed soap dispenser designed for consumers with limited mobility.

### Ideation (Team Competition):



#### **Second Place – Brianna Gritzman, Tea Cetina, Nihhaar Takhar, Nather Takhar, Sophia Stallings**

Business Idea: **Charmity**

Charmity creates bracelets with charms that double as fidget tools for anxiety while destigmatizing anxiety.

### Prototype (Team Competition):



#### **Second Place – Yusef Staber, Gopika**

**Pashnath, Danny Zhu**

Business Idea: **Sondor**

Sondor is a hoodie with a sherpa-lined hood, comfort collar, zippered kangaroo pockets, and the ability to transform into a pillow—perfect for traveling in comfort! Get your Travel Butler!

This event was a fantastic way for our students to connect with real-world professionals, explore career pathways, and get inspired to dream big!



We are so proud of the creativity and passion these students brought to the event. Let's keep supporting and empowering the next generation of leaders and innovators!