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## **El Camino College Youth Entrepreneurs Honored for their Business Sense**

Students in an El Camino College youth entrepreneur program were recently honored with participation awards at a luncheon celebration. The event featured a showcase of student business plans, where students gave two-minute “elevator pitches” on the businesses they created, showing creativity and ingenuity in the industry.

Keynote speaker Michael Simmons, co-founder of Extreme Entrepreneurship Education, addressed the group and shared his personal experiences as a young entrepreneur.

The El Camino College Center for International Trade Development/ Small Business Development Center Youth Entrepreneur Program (YEP) is designed to make youth and young adults aware of the opportunities for becoming owners of self-contained, successful businesses.

South Bay students honored for their work in the Spring 2009 program include: Ruby Bueno, Diane Dyche, Joshua Esters, and Ruby Miramontes, of Wilmington; and Gary and Glenn Castillo and E'miya Herndon, all of Compton. Summer 2008 honorees include: Isaac Curtiss, of Compton; and Curtis Young, of Torrance.

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