



Youth Venture Newsletter

June 2009

Dear Kristin,

June is an action packed month for Youth Venture! It's not too late to [register](#) for the 2009 National YV Summit and meet Venturers from around the country and world. While you are at the Summit, meet the newly selected 2009 Youth Venture Ambassadors and the award winning teams from the 2009 Staples Youth Social Entrepreneur Competition, Best Buy @15 Challenge, MTV Switch Campaign and the Lemelson Invent Your World Campaign.



Are you following Youth Venture online? Check out [Follow YV](#) to get updates on Youth Venture in all your favorite online social networks.

Want to have your Venture featured in the YV Newsletter? Send us an [email](#) with updates and info you would like to share with the YV Community.

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YV National Updates

What's new around the US

The 2009 National YV Summit is coming to MIT, Harvard and Boston University on June 26-29! [Click](#) for more info.



Download our [Registration](#) form and lock in your spot at the Summit.

Golden Opportunities

Check out these grants, programs and scholarships

[GoGirlGo! Ambassador Team Awards](#)

Open to high school girls whose teams inspire girls to participate in sports and physical activity. The 20 winning teams will each be awarded \$2,500.

Deadline to Apply: July 17, 2009



[Youth Service America Disney Minnie Grant](#)

Open to youth ages 5-14 who lead efforts to improve their communities or youth ages 15-25 who lead projects that engage youth ages 5-14 as volunteers. Eligible projects will receive grants up to \$500.

Deadline to Apply: June 15, 2009



[Project Ignition Grant](#)

Open to students in grades 9-12 that find creative ways to promote teen driver safety through service learning projects. The top 25 teams will be awarded \$2,000 grants to implement their project and will be eligible to compete for additional awards.

Deadline to Apply: June 30, 2009.



Check out our [Fundraising Tips](#) to raise money to attend the Summit June 26-29.

Make a profile on [Best Buy's @15](#) website and help Youth Venture earn up to \$250,000 in the [Best Buy @15 Change Exchange](#).

Act fast, deadlines are approaching! Visit [GenV.net](#) to find out about other exciting programs that Youth Venture is sponsoring!

Featured Ventures Spotlighting...

Check-out Richa and Aleeya from [LiveGreen LearnGreen](#).

[Watch their Video](#)



LiveGreen LearnGreen aims to reduce the living costs for low-income families by providing them with energy efficient materials to install in their homes, saving both money and energy. The team raises money for the Green Kits by providing babysitting and tutoring services to families.

Learn about more changemakers and [Venture Teams](#) just like you.

Shout Out

Laura White of [Wild and Water Swimming](#) recently received the 2009 Growing Up CEO Award.



Laura joins 19 other U.S. and 10 international CEO's under the age of 21 as a winner of this unique award. As a winner, Laura was able to attend the two-day Inner City 100 Summit in Boston this May.

Want more info about scholarships, programs, and grants? More are listed on [GenV.net](#). Check out these links: [Opportunities](#) for Venturers and [Grants and Scholarship Opportunities](#) for Venturers.

Evaluate Your Venture

Evaluation is the process of "checking-in" on your Venture. It helps you measure your Venture's impact and determine if your Venture has met its goals. The evaluation process also provides your team with an opportunity to verbalize what is and isn't working. Through evaluation, your team can celebrate its victories and strengths, and identify weaknesses so they can be fixed. Learn more about evaluation on [GenV](#).

For additional helpful tools like Networking, Sustainability and more, go to [Grow It](#) on GenV.net.

In Your Neck of the Woods

What YV and Venture Teams are doing in your region

Washington, DC

The Community Celebration for the Spring Dream It. Do It. Challenge participants will take place on Saturday, June 20th. The Celebration will recognize the achievements of the Venturers and give them an opportunity to showcase their hard work throughout the DDC sessions.

Seattle, WA

Deonte Randolph will be presenting the original clothing line for his Venture, Feed da Game, at the University of Washington fashion show at the end of May. Feed da Game's mission is to provide fashionable, affordable clothing for all young people, while using profits from t-shirt sales to provide resources to youth homeless shelters.

Access your neck of the woods- [New England](#), [Midwest](#), [NY and Tri-state](#), [Seattle](#), [Mid-Atlantic](#) ~to share ideas, seek advice, and stay informed as to what is going on in your broader community to help to grow and sustain your Venture.

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Follow YV:



Theodore Roosevelt

"Be practical as generous in your ideals. Keep your eyes on the stars, but remember to keep your feet on the ground."

The [Growing Up CEO](#) program recognizes the significant achievements of young men and women leading inner city companies throughout the world.

Share your Venture with others. [Email YV](#) for consideration in future newsletter issues.

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Announcing the Invent Your World Campaign Finalists

Highlighting young changemakers from around the world



The top five finalists for the [Lemelson Invent Your World Campaign](#) have just been announced. The winning teams will fly to Boston to participate in a global roundtable on climate change at MIT on June 26. The top team will be awarded a \$20,000 scholarship and the four other finalists will be awarded a \$1,000 cash prize.

The top 5 finalists include:

- Avanza--Salta, Argentina
- Dynamic Photo--Calgary, Canada
- Handibot--Paris, France
- Rain Water Humanity-- Rhode Island, USA
- Versite Systems--Texas, USA

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