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Dear Jessica,

The First-Ever National Youth Venture Summit Is Almost Here!!

The National Youth Venture Summit is rapidly approaching. Hundreds of Venturers from all over the nation will gather at American University in Washington D.C. July 17- 20.

Some of the New England teams heading to our nations capital include, [Suncook Valley Sports Swap](#), [S.A.F.A](#), [Dance Creations](#) and [Green Teens U.S.A.](#)

YV staff will also be in attendance. New England's own TJ Tetzlaff, Suria Lloyd and Kumar Raj will be present and are excited to work with all the Ventures. Bill Drayton, founder of Youth Venture, will also be there to address the entire Summit!

The Summit will be a great place for Venturers to build their

leadership skills and strengthen their Ventures. The goal of the Summit is to allow Venturers to meet face-to-face and share their experiences and perspectives.

For more information about the First-Ever National Youth Venture Summit, click [here](#).



Youth Venture Inspires Business Campers

For the second year in a row, Youth Venture has been featured at the Teen Venture Camp at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts. The camp focuses on business ideas and models with the goal that each teen leaves camp with their own business plan.

YV's Rob Alexander was invited back to present at the camp, this time as the opening speaker. Rob's presentation on social entrepreneurship served as a reminder that with any business idea, youth can still make a difference in their communities. This year's camp had around 35 attendees.



Click [here](#) to learn more about Team Venture Camp.

Click [here](#) more information about about the sponsor, the Collaborative for Entrepreneurship & Innovation at WPI.

Pictured: Rob with attendees of Teen Venture Camp



Around New England and Beyond!

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

The United Way of Greater Nashua held their 78th Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation on June 18. This year they invited **Pure Water Vending** to speak at the event.



The team presented their Venture to a room full of board members, corporate partners and United Way supporters. Even during finals week **Pure Water Vending** was gracious enough to present their Venture at the dinner.

Pure Water Vending purchased a water vending machine and donates all proceeds to help provide clean drinking water to third world countries.

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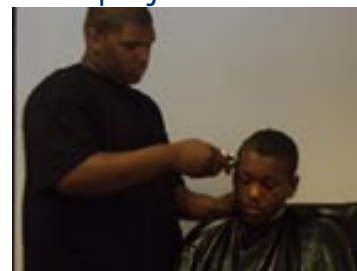
Many Big Picture - Youth Venture teams have been busy...

The lead Venturers from **Initiating Peace**, having just graduated, recently passed management of the school store to Edward, an incoming junior. Edward has been busy formulating plans for next years service project, while the team has been training and organizing supplies for the fall.



Initiating Peace sells healthy snacks and basic school supplies at their school; proceeds go to a fund that will send Venturer's to developing countries to perform service projects.

KRS Salon, who provide free haircuts at a local homeless shelter, have been busy fundraising and recruiting student interns for next year. They have also begun planning next years 'Stand Down' event, which aims to provide clothing, food and medical services for those in need.



KRS

giving a haircut

J&J Wood has just begun to get up and running. They are in the process of advertising their business and purchasing a wood splitter. They will provide low-cost firewood to the community and hold workshops on the importance of forestry. Proceeds will go towards rebuilding the local wildlife refuge and to various other environmental organizations.



The Recychos have been busy!! They have officially completed their 'Backyard Beatification' program and memory garden, which was created in honor of Amy, a student who died two years ago. They also received a donated composter and have begun to compost school waste and are completing their documentary on the Johnson Landfill.

The Recychos spread awareness about recycling and environmental rights around their school and community.

The Recychos with their composter

Definition, an after-school dance program, combined forces with another dance group, DOA, and have been busy creating routines and workshops for students.

MASSACHUSETTS:

The **Hawk's Nest** Team from Skyview Middle School in Leominster, MA broke ground on their outdoor classroom earlier this month. The students were armed with shovels and plenty of cold water as they helped dig up the ground that will be the base of their amazing structure.

The team has designed and is building stadium style seating into the side of the hill that their school sits atop. They are being assisted by a local landscaping company and are excited to be getting their hands dirty.

Hawk's Nest hopes to complete their project within the next 2 years and really look forward to finally having some classes outdoors.

Conscious Lifestyle Wants to Give You Money!!

Conscious Lifestyle has teamed up with Youth Venture to support high school and college Ventures that help students and schools to be more socially responsible. If you have not already received a grant from Youth Venture and want to take your idea to the next level, apply today for a chance to win:

- Up to \$1,000 in seed money
- Web Space
- Monthly skill-building workshops
- Mentoring from a high-performing professional



The application deadline is August 1, 2008, so visit [Conscious Lifestyle](#) today.

Conscious Lifestyle also has a page on www.GenV.net

New And Improved Website!

GenV.net got a make-over this past month! The website is not only sporting new colors, it also contains many new features. Some of the features include a world map representing Venture teams, an (improved) calendar of events and a list of all registered teams and users, among others. Youth Venture also has other plans for the website which should go in to effect over the next few months.

To check out these changes visit [GenV.net](http://www.GenV.net).

"A person's true wealth is the good he or she does in the world."

- Mohammed



Be sure to check out Youth Venture's cool YouTube page containing all Youth Venture's videos including those made by Venturers and the YV Road Trip! www.youtube.com/youthventure



Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

Suria Lloyd, the **YVNE Development Associate**, has created an easy way to find out about grant and scholarship opportunities through her [blog](#) on GenV.net. Please email or post on her blog if you have any questions. Also, be sure to visit the new forum "Money for Venture Teams!"



Venturers: Share Your News!

New England Venturers, we know you're busy and working hard to make your Venture a success. Let us help. Email us updates on your team's events, fundraisers, awards, etc...Let us share your good news with your fellow Venturers. And, don't forget to email those great pictures! It's easy: send your news and pics to Program Associate of Media & Marketing, Jessica O'Neal at joneal@youthventure.org



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