

OUR mission

ClassE is an entrepreneurial development class that aims to educate Coles County high school juniors and seniors about the opportunities and challenges of starting and running a new business venture. We expect that students who complete the class will go on to successfully run their own businesses.

In this experiential learning dual-credit class, the students are selected through an application process, and learn about what it is like to be an entrepreneur and start their very own business. By touring and interacting with more than 50 Coles County business owners and working on a group business with fellow classmates, students will develop leadership and professional skills that are important for success

Through this program, we hope to create an intergenerational business success network that encourages students to remember their roots, resulting in potential businesses and job creation in Coles County, thereby securing its future health and economic vitality.



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HOW you can help



BECOME a financial partner

Partners pledge \$1,000 year for three years to make this class a reality. This will pay for the teacher's salary, benefits and building a business success network. This network will include: communications weekly with partners, fieldtrips, and research of the long-term impact of the program.

BECOME a business mentor

We need businesses, owners and managers to serve as mentors to the students as they formulate their business ideas and begin their entrepreneurial ventures.

HOST tour of your business

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GIVE in-kind donations

As our class grows, our needs change. Any donations to the class are greatly appreciated. Please contact Jeanne Dau for more information about what this class needs at (217) 581-2913.



OUR board



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"This class offers opportunities you will not find in any other program, we get advice from the top business people in Coles County."
-Dustin Ebie, ClassE student

"The best part about ClassE is the opportunities available (to you). The skills acquired in this class will follow you throughout your life and business ventures."
-Colton Anderson, ClassE student



THE PLEDGE CARD

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Company Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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I wish to help the Coles County Entrepreneurship Class as indicated below.

Pledge Option

Please check one:

- ☐ Become a financial partner.
- ☐ Become a business mentor.
- ☐ Host class tours of your business.
- ☐ Give in-kind donation(s).

Payment Information

I wish to make a contribution to the Coles County Entrepreneurship Class. In consideration of the gifts of others for the same purpose, I/we hereby agree to contribute of of the following:

- ☐ \$3,000 payable over three years (1,000/year for three years)
- ☐ \$_____ one time payment in full
- ☐ My check for the entire pledge is attached.
- ☐ I prefer a three-year pledge. My check for the first payment of my pledge is attached.
- ☐ Please bill me.

Signature: _____

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