

Eastern Washtenaw County provides three chances for entrepreneurs to hit the jackpot!

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Eastern Washtenaw County- Regardless if you are a college student, county employee, or stay at home parent, owning a business is obtainable for you! In fact, around you right now there are three completely free events that will help you to start, build, and grow your new or current business.

Pitch@WCC is geared toward students and the community to strengthen entrepreneurial skills and advance business concepts, improving success at the event and beyond. The event takes place at Washtenaw Community College, located at 4800 E Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI, on April 20, 2017 beginning at 6:00pm with presentations to be held in Towsley Auditorium. Individual and group registration needs to be finalized by January 18, 2017 and can be completed at <http://tinyurl.com/pitchintent>. This event is open to anyone, but does require practice and training with a time commitment of approximately 12 hours over the next 3 months. Each training day will have a morning and an evening option to hopefully accommodate most schedules.

Cash prizes for Pitch@WCC, ranging from \$250-\$1500, will be awarded in three events; start, build, and grow. In each category, prizes will be awarded to first place as well as runner up! There will also be an audience choice award which will be awarded to the pitch that was best received by the audience. More information about Pitch@WCC can be found at http://ec.wccnet.edu/event/pitchwcc-2017-intent-participate-forms-due/?instance_id=289.

The 2017 Skandalaris Business Plan Competition will be taking place on February 10, 2017 in the Eastern Michigan University student center located at 900 Oakwood Street Ypsilanti, MI. Participants submitted their business plans by January 13, 2017. The competition has university/community college and high school categories, as students compete separately for prize money. First place (for each category) is \$1000, second place is \$750 and third place is \$500. There is also a \$200 prize for “best presentation.” More information about this event, including business plan specifications and judging criteria, can be found at <https://app.reviewr.com/s1/site/Skandalaris-BPC-2017>.

Pitch Ypsi \$5000 is for those local entrepreneurs who are ready to showcase their business and enter for a chance to win \$5000! Pitch Ypsi \$5000 is a business plan competition hosted by local leaders in Eastern Washtenaw County. The 5 best submissions will be chosen by a selection committee to present at the Pitch Night, which takes place on March 8, 2017 at Spark East, located at 215 West Michigan Avenue Ypsilanti, MI. The event is scheduled to run from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The event is open to the community, but registration is required to attend. Come out and support our local entrepreneurs that make our community so unique. Event information as well as registration can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pitch-ypsi-5000-tickets-30229616597?aff=aff0eventful>.