

HIGH SCHOOL'S DONALD TRUMP?

**Pilot program seeks business-oriented students**

by Mark Chag

HEBRON — Students looking for an opportunity to springboard into success in the business world may find it this summer in Hebron.

Applications are now being accepted for a week-long pilot program at Hebron Academy, scheduled for July 15-21, which will offer an intensive, hands-on course for students hoping to tackle the business field.

"This is the first time this has been done at Hebron Academy, in fact it's the first time this has been done anywhere. It's a pilot program. We're developing the model that will be replicated at institutions

**See PROGRAM Page 5A** across the country," says Assistant Head of the School, Robert Caldwell.

Developed by the National Conference of Economic Education — which also provided grant money to make it possible — the EntrePrep program will welcome 24 entrepreneurial-minded students from across the country to participate.

Caldwell says he hopes to see plenty of applications from students in the Oxford Hills.

Students who have completed their sophomore or junior year in high school, and who have demonstrated creativity, determination, enthusiasm, the ability to communicate, and a commitment to entrepreneurial studies are encouraged to apply for the program.

"It's not just classroom, this is going to be learning by doing, and it's absolutely going to be fun," Caldwell says. "It's going to be intense, and we're looking for dedicated, serious students who are interested in succeeding."

Students will spend time in daily sessions learning about marketing, sales, accounting and finance, negotiation skills, small business legal issues, teamwork and leadership training, and business planning.

At the end of the week, the skills will be applied in a "Business for a Day," session, where they will put their abilities to the test, and operate a business.

Caldwell says that research studies show that seven out of 10 high school students today express interest in starting their own business someday.

"The trouble is, 84 percent of them don't have the information they need or don't know how to go about doing it," he explains. "EntrePrep will give them some of that. It will give them the opportunity and the exposure to the business world."

Faculty from across the nation will lend their expertise to the project, Caldwell says, while Hebron Academy's residential staff members will provide monitoring as the students spend the week living at the campus.

"The students will have access to some amazing faculty," Caldwell says. "But it's not all classroom. They'll learn about leadership, teamwork, and all the skills that are necessary."

Some of the faculty who will teach during the EntrePrep program include Dr. Richard MacDonald and Carrie McIndoe, both of the National Council on Economic Education, Dr. Mary Correa, Professor of Business at Skidmore College, Dr. James O'Neill, Director of the University of Delaware Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship, and Dr. George Vredevelde, Professor of Economics and Director of the Economics Center for Education and Research at the University of Cincinnati.

Although funded through a grant, there is a comprehensive fee of \$485 for each student accepted, which covers tuition and room and board at the campus.

Interested students need to provide a personal essay, a letter of ref-

erence from a teacher or employer, and a copy of their high school transcripts.

For more information regarding EntrePrep, contact the operations director, Beverly Roy, at Hebron Academy, at 207-966-5266, or by email at [entreprep@hebronacademy.org](mailto:entreprep@hebronacademy.org).

Additional information regarding the program is available at the official website, [www.entreprep.org](http://www.entreprep.org).

