

Teen Tech Tank launches for high school students



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CLEVELAND, Ohio -- One of the hottest TV shows right now is "Shark Tank," where entrepreneurs seeking investment pitch their products or services to a panel of high net-worth judges.

Five Northeast Ohio high school entrepreneurs will get the chance to pitch to one of the more notable "sharks" on the show – Daymond John.

The Young Entrepreneur Institute at University School has launched Teen Tech Tank, a technology business idea contest for Northeast Ohio high school students.

Students who have an idea for a technology business can produce a 60-second video and submit it at www.TeenTechTank.com now through midnight Oct. 5.

Five contest winners will have the opportunity to present their ideas to John at Enspire 2015, a conference for entrepreneur educators in Hunting Valley, Ohio, on Nov. 7.

Five talented Northeast Ohio high school entrepreneurs will pitch one of the more notable 'sharks' on the TV show."

Business ideas may include applications, websites, gaming, music software, and other feasible technology business models. An expert panel of judges will select 20 semifinalist videos to showcase on www.TeenTechTank.com starting Oct. 16. The semifinalists will win \$100 cash and a Teen Tech

Tank T-shirt. The public will also be invited to vote for their favorite contestant, Oct. 16-28.

The finalists will be determined from that group and will receive an additional \$150 in cash, a year's supply of Coca-Cola beverages, a Best Buy Chromebook laptop, and a Cleveland State University College of Business scholarship upon meeting certain criteria.

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