

ling their own business



Anthony Ford and Kyron Carter, both 12, of Greenfield show their Du-Rags that they sold as their part in the Young Entrepreneur Society through the Franklin County Community Development Corp.

Other participants will make their own barbecue sauce, start their own pet grooming and breeding business, give guitar lessons, sell wrist bands and offer baby-sitting services.

An overnight trip to New York City was planned for the graduates to visit Wall Street.

Greenfield Savings Bank President Joe Poirier congratulated the students and told them not to give up. "In your stage of your life, you're way ahead of where I was at in that stage of my life," he told them.

Mayor Christine Forgey also lauded the graduates on their hard work and told them they were taking just the first steps along the path of success.

"Don't let anything distract you from your dreams," Forgey said. "... continue to dream and continue to do."

Business plan judges were: Poirier, Valerie Conti, Massachusetts Small Business Development Center Network; Ellen Campbell, Greenfield Housing Authority; Phil Corrinet, Corrinet Marketing and YES board member; and Lori Perlow, National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship.

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