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NFTE Recognizes

A SC Teacher & Student



Damian Brown is congratulated by Charleston Mayor Joe Riley for winning the SC Student Entrepreneur of the Year!

DAMIAN BROWN

Damian Brown was in the second grade when he joined up with other young boys who earned money by fashioning rose-shaped decorations from palmetto fronds and hawking them to tourists on the streets of Charleston. Damian is part of the YEScarolina Rose Kids program. Now, at 14, Brown has been named among a dozen international winners of the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship's Student of the Year competition. And, he's the youngest of the bunch. The eighth-grader from the Sanders Clyde Middle School will be going to New York with his mother, Almeta Brown, to rub shoulders with investment bankers and meet award winners from other states and nations including India and China. Damian says he's honored about his award, and calls this achievement only the beginning. He says, "I would like to make the business more bigger, when I get older, get little kids under me and tell them to start doing it and I'll pay them for what they're doing, and we'll keep the whole thing moving."

YEScarolina is proud to announce that the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship has chosen Aimee Gray as it's 2008 Entrepreneurial Teacher of the Year for SC and Damian Brown as it's 2008 Entrepreneurial Student of the Year for SC!

"It's about life, period. You only got one life, so you have to do what you can, that's how I see it." -Damian Brown

AIMEE GRAY

Aimee Gray, a teacher at Crescent High School, was honored for her commitment to increasing education and economic opportunities for students. Mrs. Gray, one of several NFTE teachers from around the world, has been selected as the 2008 NFTE Entrepreneurial Teacher of the Year for South Carolina. This April, she will be recognized at the NFTE Awards Dinner and Banquet in New York City. YEScarolina is honored to work with such a dedicated and inspiring teacher!