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The 2001 YoungBIZ100

Announcing America's Top 100 'Treps

The 2001 YoungBIZ100 Report on America's Top 'Treps

Stats and Trends to Watch

By Patty Mayeux

After months of research, the YoungBiz staff has selected the winners of the second annual YoungBiz 100. Our quest to find America's top business owners ages 19 and under led us to interview hundreds of teens, asking a variety of questions about the value of their companies, how they contribute to their communities, and what makes them successful.

Although this year's YoungBiz 100 earned a combined total of over \$7 million in 2000, a majority of the teens said that success can never be measured by money alone. We learned that this generation believes success is about doing work they enjoy, providing excellent customer service, and staking a claim in the business world by offering innovative, unique, and dependable goods and services. For this reason, YoungBiz 100 rankings are determined by entrepreneurial spirit, length of time in business, innovation, company size and value, management skills, community involvement, and overall profits.

Some of our winners for 2001 are repeats from last year, but there are numerous newcomers. One thing is no surprise, however. All of our winners are savvy business owners who are building solid reputations in their local and national business communities by demonstrating that teen-owned businesses can be dependable and profitable. [READ MORE](#)

'TREP
(ˈtrɛp):

A cool new word to describe tomorrow's best and brightest teens in business. An abbreviation of "entrepreneur," 'treps are those whose outlook and business-savvy are fresh, funky, and financially rewarding. Variation: eTreps, those whose main storefront is on the Net.

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	Name	Business Name	City	Division
1	Daniel Anstandig, 17	DAER Radio	Willoughby Hills, OH	Infotainment
2	Anand Shimpi, 18	Anandtech	Raleigh, NC	E-Commerce

3	Jayson Meyer, 19	Meyer Technologies	Daytona Beach Shores, FL	Hardware & Software
4	Ephren Taylor, 18, & Michael Stahl, 19	GoFerretGo.com	Overland Park, KS	E-Commerce
5	Elise & Evan Macmillan, 13 & 15	The Chocolate Farm, LLC	Denver, CO	Food Biz
6	Matthew Chaifetz, 16	Innovative Travel Concepts	Manhasset, NY	Home & Office Services
7	Michael Simmons, 19	Princeton Web Solutions	Hopewell, NJ	Computer Graphics
8	Alex Rampell, 19	Rampell Software	Cambridge, MA	Hardware & Software
9	Pankaj Arora, 18	paWare	Rochester, MN	Hardware & Software
10	Chad Hogan, 19	PC Investigator	Mission Viejo, CA	Hardware & Software
11	Austin Heap, 17	New Wave Networks	Powell, OH	Infotainment
12	Melissa Sconyers, 17	Ativity.com	Austin, TX	Computer Graphics
13	Tom Coulis, 19	Comput-Ability	Dyer, IN	Hardware & Software
14	Andrew Schneider, 16	Mystifying Magic	Tomball, TX	Infotainment
15	Will Thurston, 17	PayBar.com	Sacramento, CA	E-Commerce
16	Eric Eichhoff, 18	Forward Tech	Appleton, WI	Hardware & Software
17	Lance Larson, 19	OC Hosting	San Clemente, CA	E-Commerce
18	Christopher Short, 18	CS International, Inc.	Cave Creek, AZ	Infotainment
19	Alex Melen, 17	T35	Fair Lawn, NJ	E-Commerce
20	James McCracken, 17	James McCracken Web Development	Cave Creek, AZ	E-Commerce
21	Aaron Greenspan, 18	Think Computer Corporation	Shaker Heights, OH	Hardware & Software
22	Aaron Yager, 19	Impact Technologies	Fresno, CA	E-Commerce
23	Stephen Saine, 19	Saine Communications	Old Hickory, TN	E-Commerce
24	Karol Gajda, 19	Infinite Solutions	Utica, MI	Computer Graphics
25	Mary Katherine Lindsay, 11	Grasshopper Press	Atlanta, GA	Arts & Crafts

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