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## **YEA! Lubbock Announces Classes to be Held at Texas Tech Innovation Hub**

**LUBBOCK, TEXAS** – The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that the 2016-17 Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) classes will be held each week at the Texas Tech University Innovation Hub at Research Park.

The inaugural year of YEA! Lubbock will be held for 30 weeks every Tuesday evening starting on October 18 with orientation. Graduation is scheduled for May 23, 2017.

The Chamber is proud to partner with the Texas Tech Innovation Hub to begin the new YEA! Lubbock program this fall.

For more information or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Amy Marquez at [amy.marquez@lubbockbiz.org](mailto:amy.marquez@lubbockbiz.org) or (806) 761-7002.

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### **The Young Entrepreneurs Academy**

The Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) is a 501(C) 3 offering groundbreaking year-long classes that teach middle and high school students how to start and run their own businesses. Throughout the class, students develop business ideas, write business plans, conduct market research, pitch their plans to a panel of investors for startup funds, and launch and run their own, fully formed companies and social movements. The project-based program empowers students to take charge of their futures.

Founded in 2004 at the University of Rochester with support from the Kauffman Foundation, YEA! today serves thousands of students nationwide. In 2011, the United States Chamber of Commerce Foundation became a national sponsor and partner of the Academy to help celebrate the spirit of enterprise among today's youth and tomorrow's future leaders.

YEA! bridges the business and educational communities to fulfill its mission of teaching more students how to make a job, not just take a job. YEA! is made possible by The Kauffman Foundation, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the E. Philip Saunders Foundation. For more information, visit [yeausa.org](http://yeausa.org).

### **U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation**

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation is dedicated to strengthening America's long-term competitiveness and educating the public on how the free enterprise system improves society and the economy.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations.

**Sam's Club**

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**Lubbock Chamber of Commerce**

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce represents over 2,000 businesses and over 79,000 employees on the South Plains which accounts for over \$2 billion in annual household earnings in Lubbock and West Texas. The Chamber has twice earned the distinguished 5-Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and is a two-time Chamber of the Year recognized by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

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