

# Community

## Spotlight



*Dirksen Junior High School*

### Home of the Senators!



Student winners receive honorary “big check” and Superintendent shows support for their achievement.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Joliet Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneurs club Expo was held in April 2018 at the University of St. Francis. The goal of the event is to promote creativity and innovations among the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. More than 50 student teams from Gompers, Washington, Hufford, Dirksen, Troy, Rockdale, St. Raymond and Channahon participated in an entrepreneurship convention seeking mock investors.

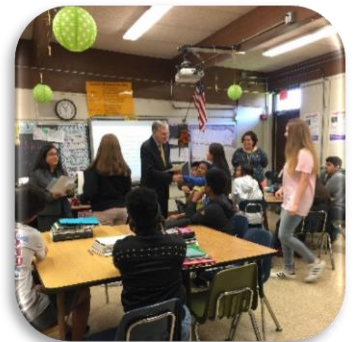
Tatianna Rodriquez, Tracey Renteria and Joya Lehner created a business named Furry Interactions. The mission of Furry Interactions is to provide people without pets, the ability to interact with animals in a café environment. Geared up with a clear business plan and a professionally presentation, these students made a lasting impact on the judges budgeting calculations and a articulate delivery of their sales pitch.



Teacher sponsors and Student winners



Myra Wilkins speaks to students professionalism



Announcement of winners

*We are very honored to partner as the Angel Investor with the Superintendents and Business leaders of the Joliet Chamber Education committee, to support our schools to develop the next generation entrepreneurs*