

# Community Spotlight



*Hufford Jr. High school*

## Home of the Mighty Trojans!

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Joliet Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneurship 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.



*Myra Wilkins – President and CEO of Martin Whalen a XEROX company, presents a check to the winners. Superintendent attends recognition event.*

Lilia Villaflor and Serenity Scalise were the co-founders of a non-profit start up called “Patch of Green”. These young entrepreneurs took their passions for eating healthy and helping others and created a business that allowed those who are homeless to have healthy food options. From recruiting volunteers to securing donations, these ladies impressed the judges with their enthusiasm and preparation.



Teacher Sponsors and Student winner



Students at Hufford congratulate their peers



Presentation of Award

*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*