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Local students win \$1,800 from the CEC Challenge to Change Community Contest

Ninth grader Timothy Banks received the top prize of \$1,000 for his idea to implement a “Day of Play” at the Jr./Sr. High School. Banks, along with 6 other freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors from CCHS, competed in the Challenge to Change contest which was run by the Community Education Center (CEC) and DISCOVER Partnership. Students entered the contest in the fall of 2014 as individuals or teams, generated ideas, and then created projects focused on making their community a better place to live. Students worked closely with community mentors during the year, and pitched their ideas to a panel of judges on Saturday, April 11th. Judges included Cameron County Commissioners Jim Thomas and Phil Jones, PA Wilds Entrepreneurship Center director Ta Enos, and CEC executive director, Kate Brock. Community Mentors included Heidi Aikens, Tina Solak, Bob Hostler, Andy Johnson, Jen Abriatis, Jeanmare Holjencin, Nelson Haas, and Jackie Lundy. Other student projects included a sports complex (Kendall Eckstrom, grade 9), a boxing club (Andrew Goss, grade 9), a rec center (Cheyenne Dar, grade 12), a food and clothing drive (Brady Thompson, grade 10), and community art classes (Zoe Kassman, grade 10, and Wysper Allen, grade 11). The contest was sponsored, in part, through the DCED *Discovered in PA, Developed in PA* grant program. For more information, contact the CEC at 877-672-3077.

Pictured left to right: Wysper Allen, Zoe Kassman, Brady Thompson (back), Andrew Goss, Timothy Banks, Cheyenne Dar, Kendall Eckstrom.

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