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WANDO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RECOGNIZED AT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS CEREMONY

Sophomore **Ben Diebold** from **Wando High School**, was honored at the annual Ambassadors of Economic Development Awards Ceremony during Industry Appreciation Week. Ben was saluted for being named a **2010 Young Entrepreneur** by the **SC Council on Economic Education** (SCCEE).

Honored along with Ben were **Dorchester 2** students **Ashlynn Russo**, a sixth-grader at **Rollings Middle School of the Arts**, and **Jade-Alexis Smith**, a seventh grader at **Alston Middle School**. **Kate Brady**, a seventh-grader at **Wren Middle School** in **Anderson District 1** was also recognized.

The **Young Entrepreneur** award, sponsored by the **SC Research Authority** and **SC Launch**, was established 2004 by **SCCEE** as a way to recognize outstanding students for their accomplishments in entrepreneurship. The students will be honored again in late April at **SCCEE's** annual awards luncheon and receive a \$200 cash prize.

The **SC Council on Economic Education** is a non-profit business-education partnership dedicated to providing teachers with the tools and resources needed to educate South Carolina's students about financial literacy, economic principles, and the changing global economy. To learn more about other resources provided by SCCEE, go to www.sceconomics.org.

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Top Row: **Bobby Hitt**, BMW, SC Manufacturer's Alliance chairman, **Ben Diebold**, *Paint ball business*, Wando High School, Grade 10, Charleston School District; **Senator Glenn McConnell**; **Speaker Bobby Harrell**; **Governor Mark Sanford**

Bottom Row: **Jade-Alexis Smiley**, *Precious Jade's*, Alston Middle School, Grade 7, Dorchester 2; **Kate Brady**, *Kate's Custom Kups*, Wren Middle School, Grade 7, Anderson 1; and **Ashlynn Russo**, *Charleston Canine Cookies*, Rollings Middle School of the Arts, Grade 6, Dorchester 2.