

# Holy Angels wins business competition

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In what turned out to be a tight competition, Holy Angels Academy on Thursday edged out Niagara Falls High School as having the best student-run business among schools with entrepreneurial programs.

The North Buffalo school won the title for its greeting card and fresh-bagged Costa Rican coffee business at the Western New York Regional Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship competition at D'Youville College.

The Niagara Falls team came in second with a coffee and muffin breakfast business called Dynasty Coffee, which has been raking in profits all year by keeping students and teachers awake daily with its product. Niagara Falls won the award for "Best

Presentation" from a group of eight SAGE judges representing the business community and the college's business school.

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute came in a close third. The judges said they had to take extra time to declare a winner because the three top teams were so close.

Holy Angels won the first place trophy and a \$700 cash prize to help pay for a trip to Brooklyn in May to compete in the national SAGE championship.

Last year, Niagara Falls won first place with a clothing business, PRINTZ, that ended up placing fourth in the national SAGE finals in San Francisco.

The winner of the national title will compete in the SAGE World Cup finals in August in Shanghai, China. Seniors Darren Robbins, Dale DeBac-

co and Phil Rulli run the Niagara Falls High School business.

The trio has made more than \$2,000 in profits this year, and they get to keep it all. They also worked with students at G.J. Mann Elementary School as business advisers as the required community service portion of the competition. The younger students run a school store, a Friday night movie program and a coffee business for adults at the school.

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute had several businesses running, including sales of school T-shirts, and sent \$7,651 in profits to three schools in New Orleans to help them recover from Hurricane Katrina.

Businesses from Sweet Home, McKinley and Clarence also competed.

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