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Young entrepreneur charges ahead at Future Founders competition

Chicago International Charter School senior Anthony Driver on May 4 took home first prize during the 2011 Future Founders Citywide Business Plan Competition. Hosted by the Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center at the Hard Rock Cafe, the Future Founders competition showcased plans and presentations from more than 200 high school students representing multiple schools on Chicago's South Side.

Driver's emerging company, Charge "N" Go, plans to manufacture electronic devices designed to charge standard consumer electronics from multiple locations.

More than \$25,000 in cash and prizes were handed out to multiple students who participated in the annual "American Idol"-like competition. Each year, CEC Managing Director Scott Issen recruits dozens of area entrepreneurs and executives to mentor students as they prepare their business plans and presentations. More than 700 students have participated since the program began in 2005.

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