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GMEN Empowers Georgia's Next Generation of Business Leaders During Youth Entrepreneurship Month

Atlanta, GA – July 16, 2026 — The **Georgia Micro Enterprise Network (GMEN)** invites aspiring young entrepreneurs, students, parents, educators, and community members to **Power Hour: Turning Dreams Into Businesses**, a special event celebrating **Youth Entrepreneurship Month 2026**.

The event will be held **Wednesday, July 22, 2026, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at the **Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurs (RICE)** at 504 Fair St., SW, Atlanta, GA 30313.

Designed to inspire and equip the next generation of entrepreneurs, the interactive Power Hour will feature successful young business owners sharing their personal journeys. Taking an idea to enterprise is the discussion while providing practical guidance for youth interested in launching their own businesses.

Participants will learn about:

- Business planning fundamentals for youth entrepreneurs
- Marketing strategies
- Funding opportunities for entrepreneurs
- Turning creative ideas into sustainable businesses



Featured speakers for the **Power Hour: Turning Dreams Into Businesses** include:

- **Daphne Handy**
- **Ke'Andre Lewis**
- **Legacy The Prince**
- **Merritt Blanks**
- **Zainu**

The event is hosted by **GMEN Summer Interns Cole Dickson** and **Aceonna Chinn** as part of GMEN's ongoing commitment to strengthening Georgia's youth entrepreneurial ecosystem and preparing future business leaders.

Whether young attendees already own a business or simply have an idea waiting to be developed, Power Hour provides an opportunity to learn directly from other young entrepreneurs who are building successful ventures today.

Event Details

Power Hour: Turning Dreams Into Businesses

Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location:

Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurs
504 Fair Street SW
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Registration is available at **gmen.org**.

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