

This Florida meeting teaches kids how to set up their own company

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Image 1. Delphine Nephtalie Dauphin, 10, shows her cupcakes in her home kitchen on Saturday, July 20, 2019. Dauphine has owned her own cupcake business, Joy's Yummy Cupcakes, for three years. She's catered parties and weddings and sells hundreds of cupcakes on weekends. Photo by: Al Diaz/Miami Herald/TNS

Delphine Dauphine is 10 years old. She wanted to start her own business at age 4. At age 7, she started baking and selling cupcakes.

Taylor Moxey is 13. When she was 7 years old, she just wanted new dolls. Her parents, though, made her buy her own toys. They wanted her to learn about money. So, she, too, started her cupcake business at age 7.

Delphine's business is called Joy's Yummy Cupcakes. She now sells 200 cupcakes on the weekends. She also makes cakes for birthday parties and weddings. Taylor's business was called Taylor the Chef. She has moved on to new things. Taylor speaks at meetings. She has also created a foundation, a group that helps people. The foundation builds libraries around the world.

Learning About Different Jobs

Taylor and Delphine both spoke at the Youth Economic Development Conference, or YEDC. The conference takes place in Miami, Florida. The meeting is for young people. Teens and college students get to learn about different jobs. Events take place at Miami Dade College, or MDC. Five hundred kids attended the conference at MDC's North Campus.

"It's never too early to learn," said Saliha Nelson. She started and runs the conference. She also helps run Urgent, Inc. The Miami-based group helps young people.



YEDC started out six years ago. The conference happens over two days. Young people go to learn about different jobs. Some learn how to set up their own companies. Others learn about jobs in the arts. They also connect with local companies and successful adults.

Daniella Levine Cava works for the local government. She represents South Miami-Dade County. She helped the event organizers add another one-day conference. The new meeting took place at MDC's Homestead Campus.

North Campus' conference finished with a business pitch contest. Taylor was a judge. Attendees described their new business ideas. They tried to get people to give them money to help start their companies.

The winners were twins Sandra and Sarena Noel. Their company plants and takes care of gardens.

Nelson explained they are helping young people connect. Attendees get to meet people they could not get to meet on their own.

Taylor does not want people to feel like their age is stopping them.

"If you really have a passion for something, go out and make it happen," she said. "

Quiz

1 Which sentence from the article states a MAIN idea of the entire article?

- (A) When she was 7 years old, she just wanted new dolls.
- (B) Teens and college students get to learn about different jobs.
- (C) She represents South Miami-Dade County.
- (D) The winners were twins Sandra and Sarena Noel.

2 What is the MAIN idea of the introduction [paragraphs 1-3]?

- (A) Taylor Moxey and Delphine Dauphine both started their own businesses at a young age.
- (B) Taylor Moxey and Delphine Dauphine both created library foundations at a young age.
- (C) Taylor Moxey and Delphine Dauphine started Joy's Yummy Cupcakes together.
- (D) Taylor Moxey and Delphine Dauphine were speakers at the Youth Economic Development Conference.

3 Read the paragraph from the section "Learning About Different Jobs."

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Which question is answered in this paragraph?

- (A) Who is in charge of the YEDC?
- (B) When did the YEDC get started?
- (C) How many kids went to the YEDC?
- (D) What did Taylor and Delphine talk about at the YEDC?

4 Which sentence from the introduction [paragraphs 1-3] explains what Taylor does now?

- (A) So, she, too, started her cupcake business at age 7.
- (B) She also makes cakes for birthday parties and weddings.
- (C) Taylor's business was called Taylor the Chef.
- (D) Taylor speaks at meetings.