

# ADHS students awarded grants

Two Acton District High students were recently awarded grants by the Halton Region's Summer Company Program.

Hasan Rajabali, Grade 12, and Jon van Oosten, Grade 11, both qualified for more than \$1,400 each to help them start their own summer businesses. The Summer Company Program is designed to encourage entrepreneurship in Halton youths.

Working with mentors from the Halton Region Business Development program and local businesses, Rajabali and van Oosten are putting their education and skills to work.

Using skills and knowledge from his Technology and Business courses, Rajabali's business, Woody Woodworks Carpentry, offers custom carpentry work. Based from his home in

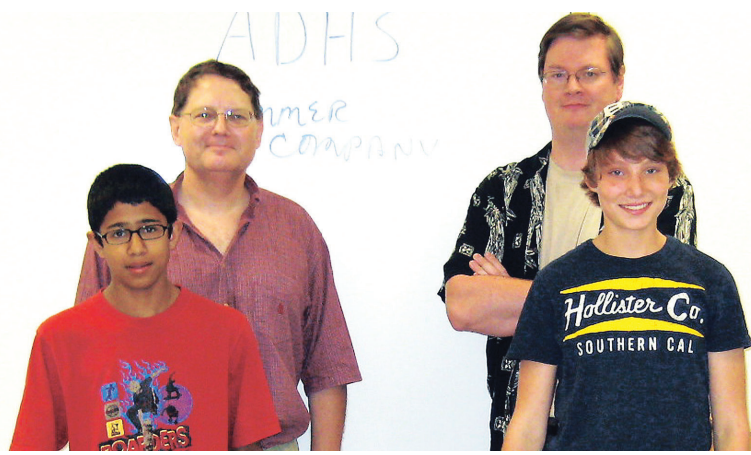
Rockwood, he will be doing on-site work for both homeowners and businesses.

Through his company, JVArchitecture, van Oosten is applying his computer design skills by doing 3D renderings of architectural plans for real estate agents, contractors and homeowners.

"Winning the award feels amazing," said Rajabali. "The grant allows me to get the tools and materials I need to start."

By helping students and young people cover their start-up costs, the Summer Company Program hopes to encourage more small business development in Halton Region.

Besides the initial start-up grant, students who complete the program are eligible for an additional monetary award of



Halton Region's Summer Company Program grant winners Hasan Rajabali (front left) and Jon van Oosten (front right) along with Acton High teachers (back left) Lorne Wheeler (technology studies) and Jim Sheridan (business studies).

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up to \$1,500 at the end of the program.

The application for the Summer Company Program includes a rigorous business plan submission, as well as interviews with the program's mentors. Winners must meet frequently through-

out the summer with their mentors who will help the students develop their businesses to their fullest potential.

To contact Rajabali of Woody Woodworks Carpentry for carpentry work, please call 416-728-0392.

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