MID-YEAR SYNOPSIS
Cass Technical High School
Detroit, MI
Innovating Young Minds Team
Innovating Young Minds is the name of our team. We represent Cass Tech High School. The team consists of 13 students from grades 9-12.

Our goal is to produce an educational comic book to inform children about STEM careers and renewable energy.

A consultant, Robin A. Douglas is in the process of aiding Innovating Young Minds in locating sponsors.
This a picture of the group members. From the left we have Marc Beverly, Alexis Ashford, Yanique Foster, Melanie Dial, Devon Johns, Cynthia, Alexis Halsell, Alicia Romero and our advisor Ms. Smith.

Missing: Noumi Chowdhury, Krystal Dial, Rifat Humayra, Rebeka Islam, and Derrick Render.
To the left are a few characters our group has designed.

We created these characters to be able to entertain the children as well as use them to convey our message.

When we first began the project our goal was to create a comic book, but as time went on we wanted to incorporate more items into the project, such as our coloring book. Inside the coloring book we have a variety of activities about solar energy that the kids will be able to complete.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Development/Production of:
  - Characters
  - Advertisement: Banner, Sweatshirt, and Shirts w/logo
  - Story line
  - Coloring book
- Introduced High School Enterprise October 15, 2009 to potential eighth-grade at open house through PowerPoint presentation.
CHALLENGES

- Meeting Attendance
- Excessive creative outlooks

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

- “I wasn’t interested in solar energy before I joined this group. I learned so much! I can’t wait to learn more!” - Cynthia Madu
- “While working with the group I learned different aspects of Microsoft Office and other software.” - Alexis Halsell
- “Through team building exercises we evolved our common goal of producing an environmental comic book all while building relationships with the team members.” - Melanie Dial
FUTURE

- Create a computerized game involving our characters
- By the Expo our team will have finalized the comic book and the coloring book

MARKETING

- We plan to market our comic book via internet and visiting local Detroit elementary schools to present our comic and coloring book.