



**ACCEPTED — Benjamin Simon, a 2010 graduate of Mahar Regional High School, has been accepted to attend Babson College, where he will study business management with a minor in marketing. The son of Douglas Simon and Lisa Aubin of Orange, Simon was a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, student council, North Quabbin Young Leaders Council, and the International Club. He was also involved in peer mediation and Training Active Bystanders. In school, Simon played soccer and was a member of the track team, and a member of the Ski Club. Simon also worked for Greenfield Community Television and was the recipient of the Biz Venture Award.**

## Simon Wins 1st Place

ORANGE — Benjamin Simon, a senior at Ralph C. Mahar Regional High School, took first place in the Young Entrepreneurs Society's recent business idea awards. Simon won \$400 for his "Brick Wall Clothing" concept.

"I'd like to change kids' awareness about buying locally... I'd like to bring business back to the small town," he said.

Other winners in the 16-18 age category were Sarah Adams and Jennifer Tarabay. Adams took second place with her "Teen Center/Teen Shop" idea, and Tarabay took third with her "Famous Fashions" idea. Adams also won the most socially responsible award for her age group. Tarabay also won the most creative and imaginative award for her age group.

In the 13-15 age category the winners were Noah Meunier and David Mistretta for their "EZ Dispenser"

invention. Meunier and Mistretta attend Athol-Royalston Middle School, where their invention was inspired. It is a machine that dispenses pencils and pens for students who have forgotten or broken their own at a cost of 25 cents. Proceeds could go to class trips or fundraisers. Meunier and Mistretta also won the most creative and imaginative award for their age group.

In the 19-22 age category the winners were Brittany Wheeler and Helen Hamel for their "Ticket Scratcher" invention. Wheeler and Hamel, both students at Mount Wachusett Community College, also won the most imaginative and creative award for their age group.