

## Congratulations BATP Room 106! 2025 Michigan CEC Entrepreneurial Classroom!

The 2025 Entrepreneurial Classroom Award proudly goes to BATP Room 106, a remarkable program serving students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) between the ages of 18 and 26. With just six students, this classroom has built an impressive micro-business model rooted in creativity, collaboration, and real-world application. From brainstorming product ideas like coasters, clipboards, and seasonal gifts to conducting market research and managing sales, students have been involved in every step of the process. Each learner takes on a role aligned with their strengths—such as product creation, marketing, or financial tracking—while developing essential life and vocational skills along the way. The classroom also provides a lunch service for staff, and profits are reinvested to support ongoing business needs, making the program both financially sustainable and highly impactful.

BATP Room 106 has earned enthusiastic support from both school staff and the wider community for its practical focus and meaningful outcomes. The program not only fosters workplace readiness and entrepreneurial confidence, but also helps students strengthen their social and communication skills through regular interactions with teachers, administrators, and peers. Students gain a deep sense of ownership and pride in their work, boosting their motivation and sense of achievement. By providing students with real opportunities to contribute, grow, and lead, BATP Room 106 stands out as a shining

example of how education can empower young adults with ASD to transition

successfully into adulthood and participate fully in their communities.