Everyone was treated to a real sugar rush during US alumnus Warren Brown’s visit in May. The founder and owner of an award-winning chain of bakeries in Washington, D.C., spent the day at US sharing his insights on business development and finding one’s passion as an entrepreneur.

Over the course of the day, Brown made presentations to more than 800 students from 12 area schools at the Shakermaker and Hunting Valley campuses. The day culminated in Brown’s evening address attended by more than 350 people. A youth entrepreneurship fair featuring exhibits from such organizations as the Cleveland Leadership Center, ECity, and Junior Achievement rounded out the evening.

Brown is the founder and owner of CakeLove bakeries and the Love Cafe. He was the host of Sugar Rush on the Food Network and is the author of two cookbooks. He received his bachelor’s degree in history from Brown University in 1993 and his JD from George Washington University. In 2000, he left his career as a lawyer litigating health care fraud to pursue his dream of starting a business. In 2002, he founded CakeLove. With a lot of hard work, positive word-of-mouth advertising, and direct marketing, Brown has grown his business from a moonlighting project into a thriving retail operation.

His lecture was presented by the US Entrepreneur Institute and was made possible with the generous support of the Burton D. Morgan Foundation.

Joe Ryder ’11 was awarded a national Gold Key in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition for his wood sculpture entitled “Relic.” Of the 1,500 works that received awards at the national level, about 300 are selected to receive national Gold Key awards, the highest honor given. Joe received his award in a special ceremony at Carnegie Hall in June.

Jackson Whitehouse ’13, Johnny Okal ’12, Tommy Impullitti ’11 and Jake Reeves ’11 also received special awards by having their works selected for the annual Ohio Governor’s Art Exhibition in Columbus in the spring. From 12,000 regional entries, approximately 2,500 are selected for judging with 300 chosen for the actual exhibition.

In the recent Beachwood Arts Council annual student exhibit, three works entered by US were selected to be among the top six in the show. The works were by Jacob Bet ’12, Ben Zake ’11 and Connor Chittock ’11.