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Web Elite CEO wins entrepreneurial award

Jacques Habra, the 27-year-old CEO of Ann Arbor firm Web Elite Inc., has won the Arthur Andersen Young IT Entrepreneur of the Year award.

The award, announced Tuesday during the Michigan IT Summit at Cobo Hall in Detroit, recognizes information technology executives who are able to sustain growth in their companies. Accounting firm Arthur Andersen also chose finalists based on their social and community efforts.

Since founding Web Elite in 1995, Habra has brought the company from five employees to 40. Habra, a University of Michigan graduate, also recently made news by moving into the 6,400-square-foot Ann Arbor Theater on Fifth Street – a sleek, shiny office front for Web Elite's downtown headquarters.

The company serves as e-business consultants to Sun Microsystems, General Motors Corp., Wells Fargo and others. Web Elite's 2001 revenues are expected to reach \$7 million this year. The firm also has offices in San Francisco and New York.