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11TH ANNUAL

NEW VENTURE
COMPETITION

HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 18, 2019

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WASHINGTON, DC

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Vice President for Research
The 2018-2019 academic year has been a remarkable year of growth, excitement and impact for all of us in the GW Office of Innovation & Entrepreneurship. Our flagship program, the GW New Venture Competition (NVC), now in its 11th year, grew dramatically fueled by student interest in innovation and entrepreneurship, and sponsor and alumni engagement.

We received a record-setting 216 team applications comprised of 422 participants, growth of more than 50 percent over any previous year. In addition, with the support of our sponsors and donors, we awarded over $250,000 in cash and over $600,000 in in-kind prizes. Both of these totals set records and will no doubt propel us up the U.S. collegiate competition rankings. Currently, GW is proud to be the ninth largest collegiate competition of its kind in the country.

But the greater value of the Competition and its related support activities is not just producing entrepreneurs (though that is great) but in the role that innovation and entrepreneurship play in the student experience at GW. Our larger mission is to give GW students the opportunity to take their classroom learnings and apply them in the real world. We provide students an opportunity to experience the thrill of taking an idea and converting it into something with value-creating impact. We teach students the meta-skill of innovation. That is, how to identify problems and opportunities, craft solutions, find target customers and beneficiaries, validate assumptions, form teams and implement solutions that create real value for others. These are 21st-century skills that can only be mastered through experience, and they will serve the needs of all GW students in whatever type of career they might choose.

In the 2019 academic year, our programming and class talks impacted over 4,000 students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the greater D.C. community. We are grateful to our sponsors for providing the resources that allow us to provide important experiences like the GW New Venture Competition.

Scott Stein
Associate Director of Student Entrepreneurship Programs
The George Washington University
Office of Innovation & Entrepreneurship
216
$800,000
422
GW STUDENT-LED TEAMS APPLICATIONS
IN CASH AND IN-KIND PRIZES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS APPLIED

9TH
132
1,000+
55
15
LARGEST COLLEGIATE COMPETITION OF ITS KIND IN THE U.S.
ALUMNI AND PROFESSIONAL JUDGES
ALUMNI AND PROFESSIONAL MENTORS
TEAM CASH PRIZE WINNERS

6,400
350
LIVESTREAM VIEWS
IN ATTENDANCE

ELEVEN YEARS OF HISTORY
2.3 MILLION
IN TOTAL PRIZES AWARDED

2019 STATS
HISTORY MAKING
YEAR

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

CASH PRIZES

NEW VENTURES
AWARDS
AMOUNT
WINNER
1st Place
$20,000
Dulceology
Runner Up
$5,000
Spiro
Runner Up
$5,000
Viva Vita
Honorable Mention
$2,500
Obious

TECHNOLOGY VENTURES
1st Place & Kulkarni Prize for Best Technology Venture
$20,000
Plast-ways
Runner Up
$5,000
Perpetua
Runner Up
$5,000
Takin’ It Easy
Honorable Mention
$2,500
Voxion

SOCIAL VENTURES
1st Place & Fosun Undergraduate Social Venture
$20,000
Last Call
Runner Up
$5,000
Mobility Innovators
Runner Up
$5,000
YouthCare
Honorable Mention
$2,500
District Connect

SPECIALTY PRIZE WINNERS
Fosun Grad Social Venture
$10,000
YouthCare
Fosun Health and Wellness
$10,000
Spiro
Fosun International Venture
$10,000
AllDOTs
Best Women’s Venture
$10,000
Last Call
Best Art and Design Student Prize
$10,000
Dulceology
Audience Choice Award
$10,000
Last Call
Blank Rome’s Best Undergraduate Prize
$10,000
Plast-Ways
Quinn Prize for Best International & Social Entrepreneurship Venture
$7,500
WATTerWagon
Best Medical Device Venture
$7,500
Perpetua
Opportune Clean Energy and Healthcare
$5,000
Plast-Ways
Best Food & Beverage Industry Venture
$5,000
Dulceology
Veterans Prize
$5,000
Knowledge to Own
AARP Foundation Older-Adult Focused Innovation
$5,000
District Connect

$207,500
The NVC Finals Judging session was held the morning of April 18, 2019 at the GW Marvin Center. This was a closed judging session for all teams followed by a lunch where teams could mingle with each other and the judges.
1ST PLACE WINNER: TECHNOLOGY VENTURES TRACK

**PLAST-WAYS**

Plast-ways is an engineered consortium of plastic eating microbes intended to increase landfill lifespan.

Manyung Emma Hon  SEAS ’20
Samuel Magaziner

Karl Ginter, Mentor
Sebastian Fainbraun, Mentor

**CASH PRIZES**
- 1st Place Prize - Tech Track & Kulkarni Prize for Best Technology Venture ($20,000)
- Blank Rome’s Best Undergraduate Prize ($10,000)
- Opportune Clean Energy and Healthcare Prize ($5,000)

**IN-KIND PRIZES**
- Google Cloud for Startups Spark Program
- 99designs (Graphic Design Services)

1ST PLACE WINNER: SOCIAL VENTURES TRACK

**LAST CALL**

Last Call is an online marketplace that enables businesses to discount their surplus food and provide more affordable meals.

Erin McGeoy  GWSB Alum
Chloe King  ESIA ’19

Annamaria Konya-Tannon, Mentor
Jesse Konig, Mentor
Patty Simonton, Mentor

**CASH PRIZES**
- 1st Place Prize - Social Track & Fosun Undergraduate Social Venture ($20,000)
- Audience Choice Award ($10,000)
- Best Women’s Venture Prize ($10,000)
- Most Innovative Food & Beverage Industry Venture ($5,000)

**IN-KIND PRIZES**
- Google Cloud for Startups Surge Program
DULCEOLOGY

Dulceology is an online bakery that engages clients through social media and connects with perspective customers through seasonal pop-up shop experiences.

**Edith Leiva** Corcoran '20
**Andrea Nicole Leiva**

**Ed Martinez**, Mentor  
**Mangesh Wadegaonkar**, Mentor

**CASH PRIZES**
- **1st Place Prize** - New Ventures Track ($20,000)
- **Best Art and Design Student Prize** ($10,000)
- **Best Food & Beverage Industry Venture** ($5,000)

**IN-KIND PRIZES**
- Google Cloud for Startups Spark Program
- Social Driver (Half-Day Pop-Up Innovation Lab)
- 99designs (Graphic Design Services)

1ST PLACE WINNER: NEW VENTURES TRACK

DISTRICT CONNECT

Our solution is a mobile grocery store that provides healthy and affordable food. Serving right where people need it most.

Gabby Levett SPH ’21, Winona Francis GWSB Alum, Ariel Hensley (not pictured)  
Daron Coates, Mentor  
Betsy Kirkland, Mentor

**CASH PRIZES:**  
- **AARP Foundation Older-Adult Focused Innovation Prize** ($5,000)  
- **Honorable Mention** ($2,500)

MOBILITY INNOVATORS

Mobility Innovators is an innovative, compact tray, designed for U.S. veterans who are wheelchair bound and lack independence.

Giavanna Corazza SEAS ’22, Jonathan Lau SEAS ’22, Justina Pruski SEAS ’21, Raymond You SEAS ’22  
Rose Wang, Mentor

**CASH PRIZES:**  
- **Runner-Up Prize** ($5,000)

OBIOUS

Obious is an online marketplace that makes buying and selling group experiences easy.

Eleanor Parry GWSB ’19, Jiani Xu GWSB ’20, Daniel Noake  
Rose Wang, Mentor

**CASH PRIZES:**  
- **Honorable Mention** ($2,500)

PERPETUA

Perpetua presents Meerkat, a climate-controlled glovebox that makes it possible to use modern point-of-care medical labs in the developing world.

Randall Ray SMHS ’22, Parker Johnson SEAS ’19, Nirmal Ravi  
Cary Toor, Mentor  
David Powell, Mentor

**CASH PRIZES:**  
- **Best Medical Device Venture** ($7,500)  
- **Runner-Up Prize** ($5,000)

SPIRO

Spiro is a wearable bracelet that helps identify children’s asthma triggers to decrease morbidity and mortality in a severity-enriched cohort.

Sajani Desai SMHS ’22, Rachael Herrera SMHS ’22, Sonia Samant SMHS ’22, Abhya Vij SMHS ’22  
Jose Cuellar, Mentor  
Ankoor Shah, Mentor

**CASH PRIZES:**  
- **Fosun Health and Wellness Prize** ($10,000)  
- **Runner-Up Prize** ($5,000)
OTHER FINALISTS

TAKIN’ IT EASY
Takin’ It Easy is a user-friendly, cost-effective automated pill dispenser providing medical safety and autonomy for users and families.

Solomon Abrams GWSB ‘19, Sydney Bailes SEAS ‘19, Caitlyn Pratt SEAS ‘21
Rodney Lake, Mentor
Paola Allais-Acree, Mentor
Jessica Weiss, Mentor

CASH PRIZES:
Honorable Mention ($2,500)
Runner-Up Prize ($5,000)

VIVA VITA
Viva Vita makes aging engaging with empowering virtual-reality technology. Our hassle-free services bring new life to seniors and their caregivers.

Carleigh Berryman GWSB ‘19, Dakota Sinder GWSB ‘19, Dylan Tally GWSB ‘19, Juliana Yee GWSB ‘19
Rose Wang, Mentor

CASH PRIZES:
Honorable Mention ($2,500)
Runner-Up Prize ($5,000)

VOXION
Voxion provides a user-friendly and cost-effective solution for consumer-facing businesses to build custom voice applications.

Sam Bunger SEAS ‘21, Nathaniel Bury SEAS ‘22, Saramarie Puzzanghera SEAS ‘22, Ryan Formara (not pictured)
Rodney Lake, Mentor

CASH PRIZES:
Honorable Mention ($2,500)

YOUTH CARE
An intergenerational memory care social enterprise that partners trained student volunteers and persons with early-stage dementia.

Nihal Satya Dev SPH ‘19, Arjun Vadlamudi (not pictured)
Agustin Ramos, Mentor
Julie McKinney, Mentor

CASH PRIZES:
Fosun Grad Social Venture Prize ($10,000)
Runner-Up Prize ($5,000)

OTHER CASH PRIZE WINNERS

ALLDOTS
AllDOTs provides a complex automated dual-target system for pavement condition detection and maintenance planning optimization.

Ali Gerami Matin SEAS ‘21, Mohammad Shama SEAS ‘19
Helen Manich, Mentor
Cary Toor, Mentor

CASH PRIZES:
Fosun International Venture Prize ($10,000)

KNOWLEDGE TO OWN
An online platform to get free money to buy a home. KTO’s search and match platform can save you thousands of dollars in seconds.

Alberto Estrella GWSB ‘18, Trevor McGraw GWSB ‘18, Kin Wah Koo GWSB ‘18, Thomas Walsh GWSB ‘18
Grant Warner, Mentor

CASH PRIZES:
Veterans Prize ($5,000)

WATTERWAGON
The WATTerWagon increases water carrying capacity and eliminates strenuous labor for hundreds of millions living in rural water-scarce regions.

Jagan Doodala CCAS ‘19, Christian Trummer SEAS ‘21
Asaad Taha, Mentor

CASH PRIZES:
Quinn Prize for Best International & Social Entrepreneurship Venture ($7,500)
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2019 NVC SEMIFINALISTS

AUDIT

Mohammad Shams SEAS ’19
Ali Gerami Matin SEAS ’21

Codesoap

Aaron Coplan SEAS ’19
Andrew Adalain SEAS ’19

DiCaSo - Digital Career Solutions

Brandon Schneider GW ’19
Ishan Erez GW ’19

e-SPiRE

Samantha Lahain SMHS ’22
Tara McCloskey SMHS ’22
Sarah Millan SMHS ’22

FLYMATE

Roger Andely, Jr. SEAS ’19

Hospital Chat

Contino Tarantino CCAS ’19
Michelle Singh CCAS ’20
Mariamawit Zeleke SEAS ’20

Perpetua

Randall Ray SMHS ’22
Parker Johnson SEAS ’19
Nirmal Ravi

Plast-ways

Maryung Emma Hon SEAS ’20
Samuel James Magazine

Takin’ It Easy

Caldyn Pratt SEAS ’21
Sydney Baltes SEAS ’19
Solomon Abrams GW ’19

Vashion

Hong Xuan SEAS ’21
Zarya Shams SEAS ’19

Voxion

Sam Banger SEAS ’21
Nathaniel Bury SEAS ’22
Saramarie Puzzianghara SEAS ’22
Ryan Fomara

WYFT LLC

Lily Jiang CCAS ’19
Koji Algaciu CCAS ’20

NEW VENTURE TRACK

Deliver-Smart

Will Cooper GWSB ’19
Oscar Miththethwa GWSB Alum
Amarnath Parkes GWSB ’21
Richard Cantu GWU ’19

Dulceology

EDJH Lawe Celtorion ’20
Andrea Nicole Leiva

HaulSwap

Sam Hussin GWSB ’20
Vibhu Pillai GWSB ’20

Knowledge to Own

Trevor McDow GW ’18
Kw Lin Koo GWBS ’18
Thomas Walsh GWBS ’18
Alberto Estrella GWBS ’18

MyCotra

Priyanka Al SEAS ’19
M Abid Shahrar Rahman
Saadi SEAS ’19
Siva Makreddy SEAS ’19

Obious

Daniel Noake
Eleanor Parry GW ’22
Jian Xu GWB ’20

RUNAR

Austin Gaudhter CCAS ’20
Pedro Uhia Rodriguez CCAS ’20

SmartNibs

Ndjina Naimon GWBS ’20
Reigual Dornelles

Spirio - A Wearable Asthma Trigger Detector

Sajani Desai SMHS ’22
Rachael Herrera SMHS ’22
Abhaya Vi SMHS ’22
Sonam Samant SMHS ’22

St. Algren

Mimi Phan GWBS ’19
Dhirum Shah SPH ’20
Sarah Pfiff CCAS ’20

Viva Vita: Life Life

Ludmigale Berryman GWBS ’19
Dakota Sinder GWBS ’19
Dylan Tally GWBS ’19
Julianne Yu GWBS ’19

World Brand Center

Saparbek Nagashbekov SEAS ’19
Arman Yeskalayev GWBS ’19
Zhanar Kubekbaei CPS ’20
Mirambek Nagashbekov

SOCIAL VENTURE TRACK

ACE

Axelle Nassinou GW LAW ’19
Nadja Lee

District Connect

Gabby Level SPH ’21
Winona Francis GWCS ’22
Arun Hensley

EbiMkt

Omotoola Coker GWBS ’20
Adenike Mustapha

Impaction

Shivani Chokshi CCAS ’19
Sukanya Anchanarayanan

Last Call

Chloe King ESA ’19
Erik McGee GWBS Alum

Mobility Innovators

Gavriana Corazza SEAS ’22
Raymond You SEAS ’22
Justina Pruki SEAS ’22
Jonathan Lau SEAS ’22

Milk

Lehr Soleri SPH ’20

MotivateNow

Kirthi Narayan SEAS ’19

Pill Pet

Nicola Minta SPH ’20

Resilience Strength Gym

Danya Aroush SEAS ’19
Paul Gill

WATTorWagon

Christian Trummer SEAS ’21
Jagan Doodala CCAS ’19

YouthCare

Nihat Satyadev SPH ’19
Arjun Vadlamudi

ACE

Stephanie Asher, Associate Director, GW Office of Innovation & Entrepreneurship
AUDIT

Helen Manch, President, Manhattan Strategic Inc.
Cary Toor, Founder and Principal, T-Ventures Corp

Codesoap

Randi Graves, Advisor, Accenture Inc.
Dr. Rahul Simha, Professor, GW Computer Science Department

Deliver-Smart

Grant Warner, Director of Innovation, Howard University

DiCaSo - Digital Career Solutions

Angela Petras, Associate Director, Communities of Practice at GW
Bob Smith, Director, Innovation Commercialization Assistance Program, Virginia Small Business Development Center Network at George Mason University

DiCaSo - Digital Career Solutions

Mangesh Wadegaonkar, Executive Industry Advisor, BIA/Kalyes

District Connect

Daron Coates, Managing Director, Thinkbox Group LLC
Betsy Kirkland, Senior Manager of Insights & Innovation, AARP

Dulceology

Ed Martinek, President & CEO, Xpedior Corp.
Mangesh Wadegaonkar, Executive Industry Advisor, BIA/Kalyes

e-SPiRE

Jill Carrle, Founder of CO2+ Business Design

Resilience Strength Gym

Danya Aroush SEAS ’19
Paul Gill

Viva Vita: Life Life

Karin Caglayan CCAS ’19

YouthCare

VJ Bate, Partner, Chief Marketing Officer, Mercer

Hospital Chat

David Foran, Executive Officer, RedSun Information Systems

George Hardigg, Technical Officer, RedSun Information Systems

John Holmblad, Professor, JHU Carey Business School

Impaction

Zarko Palakov, Founder of LeadIN
Mangesh Wadegaonkar, Executive Industry Advisor, BIA/Kalyes

Knowledge to Own

Grant Warner, Director of Innovation, Howard University

Last Call

Annmarie Konya-Tannoon, Executive Director, GW Innovation Center

Mentors

Rishi Ranganathan, Managing Director, Swizzler

MobiLynx Innovators

Rose Wang, President, Binary Group

MotivateNow

Karl Ginter, President, Inspyris LLC

MyCotra

Four Hewes, Principal, Four Hewes Design

Obious

Rose Wang, President, Binary Group

Perpetua

Cary Toor, Founder and Principal, T-Ventures Corp.
David Powell, Principal, DLP International Business Consulting

Pill Pet

Lourens Helmchen, Associate Professor, GW Milken Institute School of Public Health

Plast-ways

Karl Ginter, President, Inspyris LLC
Sebastian Fainbraun, Managing Partner, Decisive Advisor, SAP Solutions

Resilience Strength Gym

Dr. Mikhail Kogan, Chief Medical Officer at GW Center for Health Sciences

RUNAR

Karl Ginter, President, Inspyris LLC

SmartNibs

Derek Kowen, Sr. Director of Strategic Planning, Sodexo

Spirio

Ankoor Shah, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor, GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences

St. Algren

Bob Smith, Director, Innovation Commercialization Assistance Program, Virginia Small Business Development Center Network at George Mason University

Takin’ It Easy

Rodney Lake, COO, The Bernal Group, Professor of Finance at GW School of Business

Vashion

Antica Macaluso, Founder, Cultivated Labs

Viva Vita: Life Life

Rose Wang, President, Binary Group

Voxion

Rodney Lake, COO, The Bernal Group, Professor of Finance at GW School of Business

WATTorWagon

Asaad Talha, Managing Partner & Principal Advisor, SAP Solutions

World Brand Center

Jaimin Jordan, Managing Partner, Decisive Innovation Group
David Borostyan, Principal Program Manager

YouthCare

Agustin Ramos, Founder, Pampas Corporation
Julie McKinnon, Director of Value Creation - Insights & Innovation, AARP

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The VIP Reception was held on April 17, 2019 at the Corcoran School of the Arts & Design’s Flagg Building for all honored guests and sponsors of the GW New Venture Competition.

SPECIAL THANKS

VIP RECEPTION

Judges provide invaluable support to the GW New Venture Competition. Their experience and insight are critical to moving the best teams forward in the competition, and each year participants report that the judges’ comments and scoring feedback is one of the most valuable parts of their experience.

QUARTER-FINAL JUDGES

Milinda Balthrop
Adjunct Professor, GW School of Business

Will Beale
President and CEO, Club Pilates

David Borostyan
Principal Program Manager, Program / Project Management Consulting

Philip Bouchard
Founder & CEO, TrustedPeer

Lubos Brieda
President, Particle in Cell Consulting LLC

Erica Broadus
Adjunct Professor in Social Entrepreneurship, the George Washington University

Hal Burg
Founder, Brandview

Edward Chesnut
GW SEAS Alumni

Elizabeth Cho-Fertikh
Founder, ECF Biosolutions & Venture Center

Praveen Chopra
Chief Information Officer, Medical Faculty Associates, the George Washington University

Jose Cuellar
Financial Advisor, UBS

Josh D’Angelo
Co-Founder, MovementX

John Dailey
Chief Business Development Officer, Medical Faculty Associates, the George Washington University

Henrik de Gyor
Consultant, Digital Asset Management, Another DAM Consultancy

Brian DeMoss
Vice President, Marketing & Strategic Partnership, The Headfirst Companies

Allen Devine
Senior Manager, KPMG

Mareme Dieng
Coordinator, Partnerships & External Relations, Draper University

Minha Do
President, Ingenium Consulting

Rick Ducey
Professional Lecturer, School of Media & Public Affairs, the George Washington University

Jason Eaves
Lead Innovation Strategist, Discovered Markets

Howard Eisenberg
Founder & President, WealthTec

Jessica Elisberg
Director, Content Development, International Youth Foundation

Sania Khin
Director, User Experience, Ellucian

Tae Min Kim
Founder, TMK Consulting Services LLC

Dan Kleinbaum
Entrepreneur in Residence, DFS Lab

Derek Koenig
Senior Director, Strategy & Business Development, Sodexo

Russell Krumnow
Director, Economic Mobility & Poverty Project, Convergence Center for Policy Resolution

Claudia Lamy
Creative Consultant, Art Served

Samuel Ledermann
Voting Assistant Professor of the Practice of International Affairs, GW Elliott School of International Affairs

Ana Levy
Springboard Innovation Fellow, Hillel International

Daniel Lieberman
Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Science, the George Washington University

Joshua Hone
Consultant

Kumar Jeev
Principal, DC Energy

Jasmine McGinnis Johnson
Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Public Administration, the George Washington University

Steve Kamp
Consultant

Ana Levy
Springboard Innovation Fellow, Hillel International

Daniel Lieberman
Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Science, the George Washington University
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SEMI-FINAL JUDGES: TECHNOLOGY VENTURES TRACK

Tara Lifland
Associate Education Designer, Education Design Lab

Matt Lindsay
Executive Director, Marketing, Communications & Digital, The George Washington University

Josh Maldonado
Systems Administrator, American College of Radiology

Kayla Mallery
Senior Consultant, Advisory Services, Ernst & Young

Matt Mandell
Principal, Fee Fighters

La’Tajunja Martin
Founder & CEO, National Employee Rapport Database (NERD)

Lisa Mavrogianis
Program Manager, Office of Policy & Planning, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Kevin May
Co-Founder, GebII, Inc.

Karanveer Mohan
Engineering Manager, Facebook

David Moore
Supervisory Patent Attorney, USPTO

Caitlin Morelli
Manager, Business Development, The Global Good Fund

Arne Newman
Senior Manager, RE Tech Advisors

Dalton Oliveira
Digital Transformation Consultant, Wardston Consulting

Enrique Pardo
CEO, El Gustoso

Mike Provance
CEO, 3x3 Insights

Emily Rasowsky
Founder & CEO, Women in Tech Campaign

Jesse B. Rauch
Founder & Principal, Defying Gravity, LLC

William Reid
Managing Director, Bantry Group

Michael Reyes
Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch

Lisa Rosenthal
Co-Owner & CEO, Mayvin

Marie Rudolph
Senior Marketing Strategist, The Graduate School of Political Management, The George Washington University

John Samuel
Director of Product, Homestrong.com

Heather Schonberg
Executive Assistant to the CEO, First Industrial Realty Trust

Mary Schoonmaker
Assistant Professor, Western New England University

Martin Schultz
Partner, Martin A. Schultz & Associates

Zack Schwartz
General Manager, OpenWater

Saud Siddiqui
Co-Founder, SketchyMedical

Neal Sikka
Associate Professor, Emergency Medicine, The George Washington University

Kelly Siu
Manager, Assurance & Monitoring, Multifamily Division, Freddie Mac

Mitchell Stevens
CEO, Union Privilege

Tsega Tadesse Belachew
Technical Advisor, IREX

Jing Tao
Software Engineer, Oracle

Zeluis Teixeira
Managing Coach, Higher Calling Ventures

Cary Toor
Founder & Principal, T Ventures Corporation

Seth Trapper
Lead, Digital Innovation, Bayer Consumer Health

Murphy Vangala
Founder, President & CEO, Advanture Group

Saleema Vellani
Co-Founder & CDO, Innovazing

Jacquelyn Vinnedge
Head of Mid-Atlantic Region, Computer Futures

Amita Vyas
Associate Professor, Director of Maternal and Child Health, The George Washington University

Mangesh Wadegaonkar
Executive Industry Advisor, BIA/Kelsey

Matthew Wilkins
Product Manager, Bikes & Scooters, Lyft

Erica Wortham
Co-Director, GW Innovation Center, GW School of Engineering & Applied Science

QUARTER-FINAL JUDGES (CONTINUED)

Christina Hawatmeh
CEO & Founder, Scopio

Hormoz Hekmat
Principal, 2-Markets

Thomas Russo
Assistant Vice President, Industry & Corporate Research, Office of the Vice President for Research, The George Washington University

Alex Meadows
Director, IIS Innovation Center, Raytheon

Jan Klein
CFO, MCT Worldwide

Peter Weissman
Partner, Blank Rome LLP

Paul Economon
Partner, Fisher Broyles

From Left to Right: Alex Meadows, Paul Economon, Peter Weissman, Thomas Russo, Christina Hawatmeh, Hormoz Hekmat and Jan Klein
From Left to Right: Olivia Sedwick, Courteney Real, Sam Altman, Randy Millian, Ines Lebow, Adam Segal, Michael Spitalney and Rich DiPippo

Adam Segal  
Co-Founder & CEO, Cove

Ines Lebow  
CEO, Enterprise Transformation Solutions

Michael Spitalney  
Founder & COO, MarginEdge

Rich DiPippo  
Partner, The Meltzer Group

Sam Altman  
Founder, weCONGO

Olivia Sedwick  
Associate, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP

Courteney Real  
Analyst, Draper University

From Left to Right: Wayne Curtis, Dave Moss, Mary Galeti, Lauren Horn, Michele Rivard and Sarah Hillware

Dave Moss  
Founder, Unfunded List

Mary Galeti  
Principal, Shiplake Partners

Wayne Curtis  
Executive in Residence, Entrepreneurship, University of the District of Columbia

Sarah Hillware  
Founder, Girls Health ED

Lauren Horn  
Chief of Staff, Resolution Project

Michele Rivard  
Fellow, Village Capital
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FINAL ROUND JUDGES: TECHNOLOGY VENTURES TRACK

RICH BOYLE
General Partner, Canaan Ventures

MATT FLANAGAN
Partner, Opportune LLP

BRIAN HERRMAN
President, China-America Healthcare Partners

BOB HUSSEY
President, First Level Entertainment Group, Inc.

TODD KLEIN
Partner, Revolution Growth & GW Trustee

ANIRUDH KULKARNI
CEO, CVP

TIM PAVLICK
Chief Innovation Officer, Attain

ANDREW PERLMAN
Co-Founder and CEO, Flash Equity

KEVIN XIE
Executive Chief Representative and President, Fosun Healthcare

FINAL ROUND JUDGES: NEW VENTURES TRACK

GORDON CRANE
President, CEO, and Founder, Apple & Eve

PAUL KRAMER
Managing Director, Strategic Investment Group

JOHN ROLLINS
Founder, GW New Venture Competition

LAJUANNA RUSSELL
President & CEO, Business Management Associates, Inc. & GW School of Business Board of Advisors

JOE SAUMA
CFO, I.A.S. Corp.

MARTIN SCHULTZ
Partner, Martin A. Schultz & Associates
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FINAL ROUND JUDGES: SOCIAL VENTURES TRACK

NAZLIN BHIMJI
Director of Programs, The Global Good Fund

ANASTASIA DELLACCIO
Director, Community and Career Engagement, Creator Awards, and Public Affairs, WeWork

PATRICK LANDERS
VP of Strategy and Innovation, AARP

JENNIFER MAHER
Co-CEO, 1776

AMY MILLMAN
President, Springboard Enterprises

THOMAS SANCHEZ
CEO, Social Driver

JAMES WEBB
Chairman and Founder, 16 Capital Investments

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Tim Hwang
CEO and Co-Founder, FiscalNote

Tim is currently the Founder and CEO of FiscalNote. The company owns media and news company CQ Roll Call Group, and creates a technology platform that combines award-winning journalism along with products and services that provide access to large quantities of data, news and analysis for all levels of government. The global company, with offices across D.C., NYC, Baton Rouge, Brussels, India and Seoul, has now grown to become the largest tech employer headquartered in D.C., and powers almost 5,000 of the world’s largest and most influential law firms, legal departments and governments.

FiscalNote has raised over $230 million in venture capital and acquisition financing from the likes of The Economist, S&P Global, Mark Cuban, Jerry Yang, Steve Case, NEA, Rennen and others.

Tim was profiled in Forbes 30 Under 30, Inc. 30 Under 30, CNN’s Top 10 Startups, Business Insider’s Top 25 Hottest Startups and many others. He is a graduate of Princeton and currently deferring Harvard Business School. He is also currently a World Economic Forum Technology Pioneer, a Trustee on the Board of the Greater Washington Community Foundation (the largest funder of non-profit and philanthropic initiatives in the region) as well a Board member of The After School Alliance.

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Dr. Ayman El Tarabishy is currently a Teaching Professor of Management at the George Washington University School of Business. He is an award-winning author and teacher and was recently awarded the Most Outstanding Faculty Member (voted for by students) for five consecutive years (2010–2015). Dr. Tarabishy is the only faculty member in the GW School of Business that teaches in two nationally-ranked programs. He developed the first Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation and Creativity courses offered to MBA and undergraduate students throughout the GW School of Business.

Dr. El Tarabishy is also the Executive Director of the International Council for Small Business (ICSB), the oldest and largest non-profit organization across the globe devoted to advancing small business research and practices. ICSB is a coalition of more than a dozen national organizations across the globe and represented in over eighty countries.
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