

PROJECT**ECHO**

ENTREPRENEURIAL CONCEPTS | HANDS ON



TEEN ENTREPRENEURS'
**Business Plan
Competition**

Project **ECHO** 2026

Hosted by

CSUDH

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC POLICY



Sponsored by

HONDA



2025 Overall Winner
Chloe Dalmacio
CauseConnect

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR
CO-SPONSOR AND HOST**

CSUDH

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
DOMINGUEZ HILLS

**The College of Business Administration and
Public Policy welcomes and congratulates all
of the Project ECHO entrepreneurs!**





POWERING DREAMS

At Honda, we're committed to helping people reach their life's potential by giving back to the communities where we live and work.

HONDA
The Power of Dreams

How we move you.
CREATE ► TRANSCEND AUGMENT



csr.honda.com



innovating inclusion



a universal design and human-centered
career development program for ages 16-24.

Build your pathway to equitable employment.

Curriculum can be implemented in the classroom or
self-paced online.

MENTORSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS

PAID INTERNSHIPS

SOCIAL CAPITAL

www.InnovatingInclusion.org

If you're a Project ECHO partner, then your
classroom has a "no additional cost" access
and an educator stipend available from Fox
Family Foundation when you earn the Special
Olympics' Inclusive Educator micro-credential.

EMAIL US!

INFO@InnovatingInclusion.org



WELCOME !

Today's competition reflects months of creativity, collaboration, and persistence from students who accepted the challenge of thinking like entrepreneurs. Along the way, they identified problems worth solving, built business models, refined presentations, and learned how to communicate ideas with confidence and purpose.

We're excited to welcome more than 43 teams, participating both in person and via Zoom, competing for cash start-up funding and valuable feedback from local business leaders. This year, we're also proud to welcome nearly a dozen middle school teams to the competition, an exciting sign that entrepreneurial thinking is inspiring students at even younger ages.

Today is about more than competition results. It's about growth, resilience, and the courage to step outside of one's comfort zone. Every student participating today has already accomplished something meaningful by bringing an idea to life and presenting it publicly.

A sincere thank you to our volunteer judges, including the more than 30 professionals who evaluated written business plans and the 20 pitch judges serving today. Your mentorship and feedback create an authentic real-world experience for our students.

We also gratefully acknowledge California State University, Dominguez Hills for their continued partnership and support.

To our students: thank you for your creativity, determination, and entrepreneurial spirit. You inspire all of us, and we can't wait to see what you accomplish next.

Best regards,
Diane Quast
C.E.O.

Enroll, Start a Club, Volunteer, Donate
projectecho.org

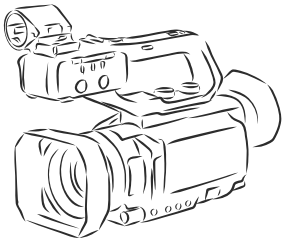
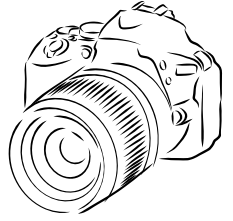
**Share your Business Plan
Competition photos!**



***@launchecho on all social media platforms
and use #ECHO2026BPC***



VIDEOTAPING AND PHOTOGRAPHY



IN PROGRESS

NOTICE: *Today's event will be videotaped and photographed. By attending today's event you are agreeing to have your likeness recorded for possible future PROJECT ECHO publications.*



EVENT DAY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

MORNING COMPETITION

8:30 – 9:15 AM



OPENING REMARKS

Judges Introductions in Main Hall

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM



BUSINESS TEAM PRESENTATIONS

Various classrooms on 2nd and 3rd floor

LUNCH & KEYNOTE

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM



THE HABIT BURGER & GRILL FOOD TRUCK

Must redeem your lunch ticket

*Additional lunch tickets available for purchase
at the Snack Bar while supplies last.*

12:00 – 12:10 PM



CSUDH WELCOME

Professor Michael Grimshaw
Introduction of Keynote

12:15 – 1:00 PM



KEYNOTE SPEAKER **GENE EIDELMAN**

Co-Founder & CEO
Azure Printed Homes



AWARDS & FINALS

1:00 PM



FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

- Middle School Awards (3rd, 2nd & 1st Place)
- High School 3rd Place Awards
- Jeff Weigel Road Warrior Award
- High School Finalists Announced

1:25 – 2:55 PM



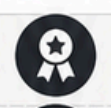
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS PRESENTATIONS

Top-scoring team from each classroom
competes for the championship



CELEBRATION

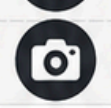
3:15 – 3:30 PM



AWARDS CEREMONY

Recognition of Champions and Finalists

3:30 PM



WINNING TEAMS GROUP PHOTO

Let's capture this moment!



**CELEBRATING
INNOVATION.
BUILDING
FUTURES.**

*Today's entrepreneurs.
Tomorrow's leaders.
Changing the world.*

Thank You

*to our students,
mentors, judges,
sponsors and
volunteers for
supporting the
next generation of
entrepreneurs!*



SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF
Entrepreneurs, Innovators & Changemakers!



PROJECT ECHO 2026

BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION

OVERALL WINNER



ONE OVERALL WINNER
RECEIVES AN ADDITIONAL

\$1,000

COMBINED WITH THEIR CATEGORY
1ST PLACE PRIZE = **\$2,000 TOTAL**

The first-place team with the highest score in the Finals Round will advance to become the Overall Winner.

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISIONS



PRODUCTS

1	1ST PLACE	\$1,000
2	2ND PLACE	\$500
3	TIED 3RD PLACE*	\$250



SERVICES

1	1ST PLACE	\$1,000
2	2ND PLACE	\$500
3	TIED 3RD PLACE*	\$250



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

1	1ST PLACE	\$1,000
2	2ND PLACE	\$500
3	TIED 3RD PLACE*	\$250



THE HIGHEST-SCORING TEAM IN EACH ROOM
WILL ADVANCE TO THE FINALS ROUND.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION



MIDDLE SCHOOL ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION

1	1ST PLACE	\$500	2	2ND PLACE	\$300	3	3RD PLACE	\$200
---	-----------	-------	---	-----------	-------	---	-----------	-------



★ THE JEFF WEIGEL ROAD WARRIOR AWARD ★

One team granted \$500

In memory of Jeff Weigel, a cherished member of the Project ECHO family whose passion and dedication enriched our mission. His invaluable contributions as a board member, committee chair, and mentor will forever inspire us.

We gratefully acknowledge the **Redondo Beach Rotary Club**, where Jeff also served on the Board, for their generous \$500 donation supporting this award in Jeff's honor.



Congratulations to all of today's teams! Success begins with showing up, believing in your ideas, and having the courage to share them with the world.

IN MEMORIAM

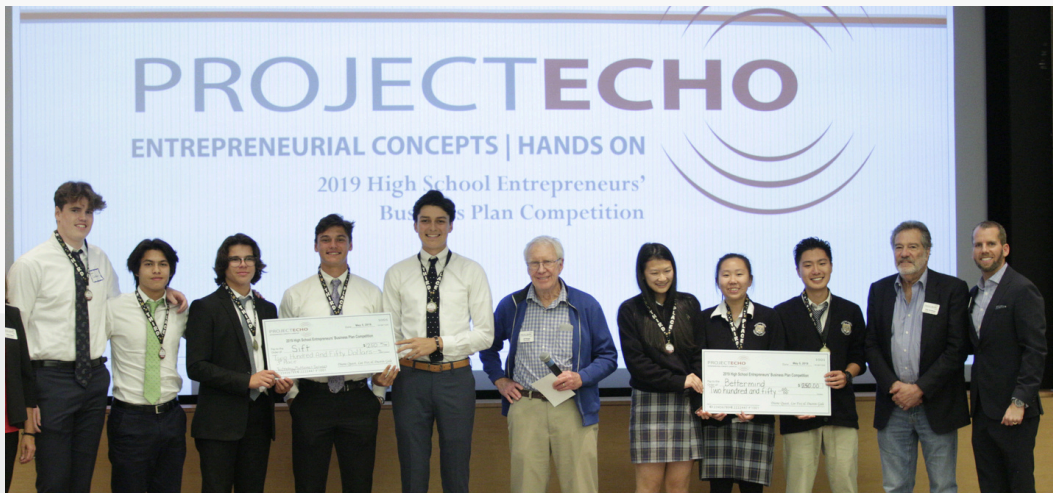
Honoring the life and legacy of



Jeff Weigel

Project ECHO Board Member

In memory of Jeff Weigel, a cherished member of the Project ECHO family whose passion and dedication enriched our mission. His invaluable contributions as a board member, committee chair, and mentor will forever inspire us. We also gratefully acknowledge the Redondo Beach Rotary Club, where Jeff also served as a board member, for their generous \$500 donation supporting this award and honoring his legacy.



Jeff Weigel Road Warrior Award

Awarded to a high-achieving high school team whose work reflects the values Jeff exemplified throughout his life — integrity, generosity, and a commitment to making a positive difference in the world. The award celebrates students whose creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit demonstrate the potential to create meaningful impact in their communities and beyond.



LUNCHTIME KEYNOTE

Gene - Azure Homes



Entrepreneurship Unlimited

Gene Eidleman

Entrepreneur | Speaker | Author | Inventor | Philanthropist

Gene Eidelman didn't just want to build houses; he wanted to change the world. After arriving in the U.S. as a refugee from Ukraine, Gene became a "serial entrepreneur," starting multiple successful companies. Today, he is the co-founder and C.E.O. of Azure Printed Homes, a company that is literally 3D-printing the future.

Gene and his team use a massive 3D printer to build homes out of recycled plastic and fiberglass. This tech isn't just cool—it's eco-friendly, 70% faster to build, and way more affordable than a normal house. From helping wildfire victims get new homes to creating sustainable "tiny houses," Gene is proving that you can use technology to solve the housing crisis and protect the environment at the same time.

A world-renowned speaker with a TEDx talk that has over 1 million views, Gene has also appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show for his work helping thousands of other refugees start new lives. He's here to show you how a big idea, combined with the right technology, can turn a recycled plastic bottle into someone's front door.



azure printed homes





to our amazing
SPONSORS!

Your support helps
empower young entrepreneurs
and make **BIG** ideas possible.



THANK YOU FOR DONATING SWAG FOR
OUR STUDENT GOODY BAGS!



Congratulations to
all of today's teams!



Your creativity, hard work, and willingness to take a risk
inspire us all. *Simply showing up makes you a winner!*



Thank you for your creativity, hard work, and commitment
to making a positive impact!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Lee Fox Beauregard
Chair of the Board of
Directors



Chip Goodman
Co-Founder



Jeff Kravitz
Board Secretary

ADVISORY BOARD



Devan Sood
Chair



Miles Warren
Advisor



David Tokofsky
Advisor



Scott Fennel
Advisor



Julie Broady
Advisor



Dustin Gale
Advisor



Maya Kuppermann
Advisor



Rick Nott
Advisor



Jeff Weigel
in memoriam

LEADERSHIP STAFF



Diane Quast, M.P.A.
Executive Director



Matilda Albano, M.Ed.
Program Director



Lisa Sando
Accounting Manager



PRODUCT TEAMS

Bliss Energy



Bliss Energy is a natural energy drink brand designed to provide a healthy energy source without excessive caffeine or artificial flavors. Made with holy basil extract and fruit juice, Bliss Energy is a healthier alternative to leading energy drink brands. Our mission is to help combat excessive caffeine consumption in youth by providing a safer alternative that keeps consumers energized, refreshed and focused through a wellness-centered drink that supports physical and mental health.

Christiana Gerstner, Lina Salazar, Isabella Storey, Paige Thomas-Graham, Ju Hyung Lee, Mason DiLeva

Cream and Carbon

Cream & Carbon is revolutionizing the beverage industry by bringing the viral, cafe-quality "dirty soda" experience out of the drive-thru and into a convenient, shelf-stable bottle. Our patented Dual-Chamber technology isolates the premium creamer from the carbonated soda until the exact moment you open it, completely eliminating the "curdle factor" for a perfectly frothy, fresh mix every time. By combining authentic soda shop taste with on-the-go portability, we are delivering an interactive, highly shareable flavor experience that empowers consumers to snap into freshness anytime, anywhere.

Ronav Sharma, Cruz De La Torre, Savanna Makinen



EnduraGel

EnduraGel makes recovery wearable. It is a long sleeve compression shirt and matching leggings system engineered with built-in pockets that hold specially shaped gel packs directly against the muscles, providing either thermotherapy or cryotherapy based on recovery needs. Instead of spending time in an ice bath or sauna, the gear allows recovery to take place during everyday activities, making recovery more convenient, efficient, and accessible.

Joni Nemiroff, Blaze Braff, Capri Rice, Tucker Travers



PRODUCT TEAMS



Hang Tight

Hang Tight is a company founded by friends who share the same fear of losing their phones while on the slopes or at the ocean. Hang Tight is a phone case with an attached bungee cord and carabiner that clips onto your pants to prevent losing your phone while snowboarding, fishing, and more! This product is unlike anything on the market, with many of its unique and exclusive features.

Stone Erikson, Myles Bartley, Tyler Evans, Brandon Moscol

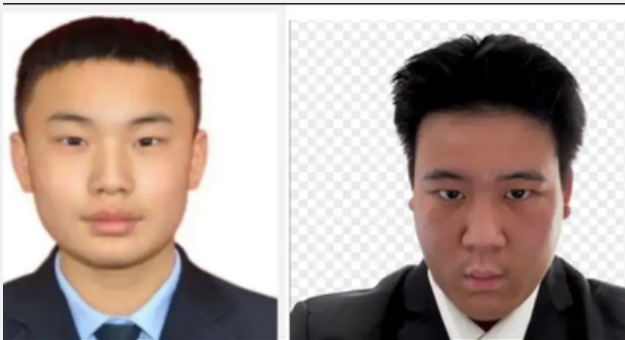
HoloTeach

HoloTeach is an AI-powered hologram that can create new images based on audio commands in real time. It will allow school districts to teach their students more effectively and to promote their schools to potential students.

Ali Shaikh, Luke Kim



Invisible Leads



Invisible Leads is a home-friendly mystery role-playing game adapted from the popular and highly profitable "Chinese script-killing game" experience, tailored for American audiences. Players take on unique characters and solve thrilling cases inspired by Western classics like Sherlock Holmes and The Shining. Designed for ages 16-80, the game promotes logical thinking, teamwork, and communication, making it both entertaining and educational.

Jingbo Sun, Derek Huang



PRODUCT TEAMS

BioLock



We have created a lock that simply uses your fingerprint to unlock. No fancy coding. Just an if-then program with lightweight data.

Niko Rivera, Zachary Agorsah

Magic Calc

Magic Calc is an educational technology company that helps people learn math more smartly and easily. Its AI-powered calculator doesn't just give answers, it explains problems step by step, gives personalized help, and uses interactive visuals to make learning easier to understand. Magic Calc is made for students, teachers, and anyone interested in STEM subjects like math, physics, and engineering. It covers topics from Pre-Algebra all the way to advanced classes. With features like gamified learning and personalized support, Magic Calc helps students build confidence and better understand difficult math concepts in a fun and engaging way.



Koston Tidwell, Nicolo Bazzocchi, Gavin Haynes, Olin Walker

Revitalize

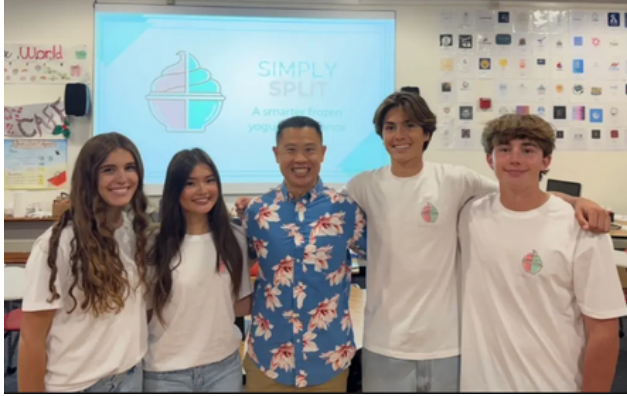
Revitalize is pioneering the next generation of athletic recovery technology. This flagship product is the first portable, all-in-one recovery boot system that integrates dynamic contrast therapy (simultaneous heat and precision-targeted cooling) with integrated red light therapy (RLT) and compression. Designed for portability and professional-grade performance, Revitalize aims to bridge the gap between elite training facilities and the on-the-go athlete.

Kara Namimatsu, Sean Gillette, Jane Sablan, Christopher Kitajima



PRODUCT TEAMS

Simply Split



Simply Split is an innovative product designed to improve the self-serve frozen yogurt experience by allowing customers to enjoy multiple flavors and one cup without them mixing. The product is a food, safety divider that fits inside of a standard, frozen yogurt, cups, separating them into sections to maintain flavor, integrity, and improve presentation. Simply Split is specifically designed for self-serve, frozen yogurt, shops, helping them to enhance customer satisfaction while maintaining efficiency and reducing waste.

Houston Fine, Avery Chan, Chace Hoyt, Koston Almedia

SoPro

SoPro is a clean-label, carbonated protein soda made with real whey protein, 15-20g of protein, and less than 2g of sugar per can. It gives athletes and fitness-conscious consumers the recovery benefit of a protein drink with the refreshing taste of soda. SoPro will launch locally through gyms, convenience stores, vending machines, and an online shop before expanding into broader retail distribution.

William Massandouno, Ehsan Casiano, 07302



Sprinkle Shield



Sprinkle Shield is a simple, affordable device that helps reduce pain and anxiety during injections, making shots less scary for kids. Designed with a fun, donut-shaped form, it distracts the senses and hides the needle to create a calmer experience for both patients and healthcare providers. By improving comfort and cooperation during medical procedures, Sprinkle Shield aims to transform pediatric care and become a trusted tool in clinics, hospitals, and homes.

Sofia Devos, Danielle Travers, Franchesca Abbott, Olivia Kelly



PRODUCT TEAMS

TrackBolt



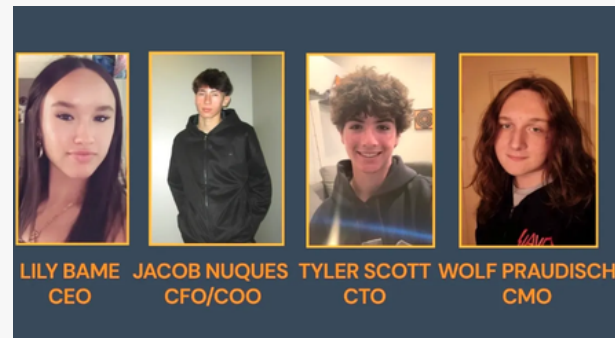
TrackBolt is a technology company that creates smart security products designed to help people protect their valuables from loss and theft. Our main product is a smart wallet that uses GPS and Bluetooth tracking, RFID protection, and an app-controlled locking system to improve security and make recovery easier. By combining modern technology with a stylish, high-quality design, TrackBolt offers a practical solution for travelers, commuters, and everyday users.

Tyler Bryson, Tomas Gallagher, Kandi Wright, Jacqueline Salazar

Vibeline

Vibeline is an innovative sports technology system developed for sports that rely heavily on precise line calls during gameplay. The portable system combines embedded sensors, LED lighting, and sound alerts to provide fast and objective in-or-out decisions on any court. By offering a cost-effective alternative to professional replay systems, Vibeline increases fairness, improves consistency, and brings advanced sports technology to everyday athletes.

Lily Bame, Tyler Scott, Jacob Nuques, Wolf Praudisch



Wake



Wake is a product manufacturer that strives to make the best smart alarm clock with attachments, such as a medical pill dispenser, reading lights, and wireless charging ports, that suit each user's needs. The problem that our product solves is that many people forget things, and they need a smart alarm clock that can organize their day and also their desk. We'll make sure your day can be as smooth as possible.

Vidhat Sriram, Finn Flanagan, Karthik Senthil, Lucciano Neri



PRODUCT TEAMS

Safe-Step



Safe-Step is an innovative anklet that will bring confidence and fun back to a day at the beach by eliminating the fear of stingrays. Our vision is to offer beachgoers a comfortable, lightweight, and magnetic anklet that comes in a multitude of cute designs, that will repel stingrays. Since stingrays are highly sensitive to magnetic fields, our anklet uses a high power magnet that emits a special magnetic field that triggers stingrays sensitive brain receptors, not harming them but making them slightly uncomfortable and causing them to swim away.

Elle Palladino, Syra Zentner, Samantha Mura, Irini Tawfic



SERVICE TEAMS

Ascendia

Ascendia is a personalized college preparation app designed to guide students through their path to higher education. By using smart recommendations for clubs, classes, and extracurriculars

Marine Schott, Andrew Navarro, Gabriel Machado



Assurex



AssureX is a browser extension that uses AI and human reviewers to instantly verify whether online sources, links, and messages are safe and credible. It is designed to protect students from misinformation and elderly users from online scams, while also serving businesses that need to keep their data and users safe. When AI alone cannot make a determination, a trained human reviewer steps in, which is what sets AssureX apart from other cybersecurity tools on the market.

Rishaan Shah, Shoorjo Banerjee, Noelle Hu, Keyan Modi, Bianca Padilla, Ritika

Chronos

Chronos is a productivity app designed to help students who struggle with procrastination. Chronos has built-in app locks and study timers to fight off procrastination and doom scrolling. Fight chronic scrolling with Chronos.

Parker Hochstein, Liam Luyahan, Brooks Manning



SERVICE TEAMS

FinanceGo!

Our company is FinanceGo! and we created an app that helps young adults and teenagers learn about finance. We teach them how to invest, do their taxes, budget/save money, manage loans, banking, credit/debit cards. We do this by using interactive games, simulators, articles, videos, tutors, and an AI Chatbot through our app.

Ronnie Ognar, Wut Chomworawong, Keon Nelson



Finity

Finity is a financial literacy service company inspired by the 2030 law that all schools in the state of California will require students to partake in one semester of personal finance to graduate. Finity provides students with an engaging, insightful, and challenging curriculum through project-based learning for them to acquire essential skills to use for the rest of their future careers. By prioritizing hands-on simulations over traditional rote learning, Finity creates a memorable, career-ready experience tailored to a vast array of student interests, ensuring they have the tools to succeed far beyond the classroom.

Casey Park, Rikuto Nakajima, Maximilian Hauenstein, Derrin Fowlkes



Foodie

Foodie is a service company that attempts to build the life skill of choosing to eat healthy while still satisfying one's cravings. The users input some information about themselves and Foodie, using AI-powered meal creators and real nutritionists, will generate a recipe tailored to the individual which is healthy, and still leaves the user with a sense of satisfaction. Users feel encouraged to continue the habit when they start seeing the results, without having to totally give up on their cravings.

Smrithi Jayaraman, Nishant Betigeri, Amberlynn Zhou, Kaycie Nguyen, Kylie Nguyen



SERVICE TEAMS

FraudPatrol

FraudPatrol is an app that detects online scams, phishing sites, and digital fraud in real time while teaching users through plain language AI explanations, telling exactly why each threat is dangerous. Built for the two groups most vulnerable to online fraud, older adults and Gen Z, the platform combines real time protection with interactive explanations with the click of button "Learn more" that turn every detection into a learning moment. FraudPatrol aims to become the leading education first cybersecurity tool for the people who need it the most.

Maxwell Liu, Patrick Yang, Ethan Lu, Peter Li



Job Center

Job Center is an app service that allows community members to have chores completed by teenagers, and allows teenagers to become more financially independent. Community members can advertise chores on the app, and teenagers can browse, then sign up for jobs that promise a sufficient salary. The app will bridge the gap between adults and youths, provide an inexpensive solution to otherwise pricey household work, and propel teenagers into a world of independence, responsibility, and freedom.

Jahnavi Kannan, Arjun Kannan, Nina Betigeri

Onsite

Onsite is a novel classroom monitoring platform designed to help teachers monitor their students' in-class and online activity with flexibility and freedom. It is an efficient, yet cost-effective solution for schools and school districts to implement.

Camila Rivero, Teisha Charoth, Dalia Kumar Sanghavi, Aidan Urena



SERVICE TEAMS

SkillSurfer

SkillSurfer is an app that connects students still in school, whether they're learning cosmetology, carpentry, tutoring, or graphic design, with everyday consumers who want quality services without the professional price. Students get real paying clients to practice on and build their portfolio, while consumers get the same skilled service at a fraction of the cost. It's a simple idea that solves two problems at once, students need experience, and people need affordable services.

Kirati Bollineni, Lara Leon



Team Scribble

Scribble is a safe digital publishing and feedback platform for young writers ages 10–16. Students can publish stories, poems, memoirs, and creative work, receive structured feedback from peers and approved mentors, and build confidence as real authors. Scribble will launch through a small pilot with schools, libraries, homeschool groups, and writing clubs before expanding to family memberships, school licenses, mentor workshops, and printed student anthologies.

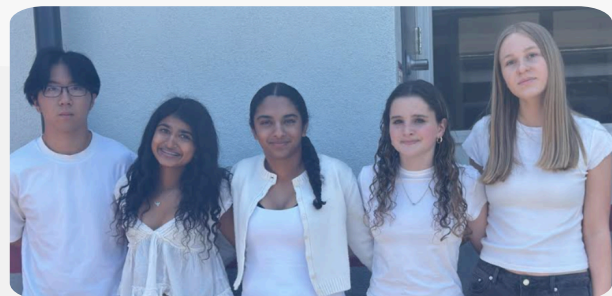
Adelyn Darsney, Berkeley Reynolds



SKYInvest

SKYInvest is designed for teens and young adults who are new to investing and want a simple, easy-to-understand way to learn about finance. The platform guides users step-by-step through the basics of investing, allowing them to practice safely through a stock market simulator while building confidence and understanding how money grows over time. Instead of promoting risky investing, SKYInvest focuses on helping young people develop smart financial habits and long-term financial independence.

Yara Naren, Sara Kalangi, Matilda Seidel, Ian Lin, Jessica Yoffe



That's my Pointe

That's my Pointe is an online pointe shoe fitting platform that uses artificial intelligence to find the perfect pair of pointe shoes for dancers worldwide. Through That's my Pointe, customers will also be educated on their foot type and pointe work, helping them to be more empowered as dancers. Finally, That's my Pointe also offers virtual fittings with professional fitters for dancers who prefer a one-on-one option.

Kareena Anish Desai



TradeSkill

TradeSkill, the innovative digital marketplace that allows users to exchange skills, services, and products through both cashless trades. The platform connects freelancers, small business owners, and even everyday users by making professional services more accessible and community-driven through features such as verified profiles, ratings, and location-based matching. By combining the flexibility of freelancing along with cashless trading, TradeSkill paints a new pathway for many to grow their business, build experience, and access services without relying entirely on money.

Chang Liu, Michael Li, Evan Wan, Kent



Bearpy

Bearpy creates AI powered stuffed animals that assist children diagnosed with neurological impediments, especially Autism by building on communication skills. Bearpy allows children to practice speaking at their own pace without adult pressure by combining the emotional comfortness in a safe environment. Sponsored by Peer 1 on 1, a nonprofit dedicated to enriching the lives of autism children, our team is inspired by both volunteer experience and lived experience to make communication tailored to neurodivergent children.

Arthur Zhang, Andrea Li, Claire Pi, JingRui Ren

EverRipe

EverRipe & Co. is a student-founded startup that makes smart fruit preservation boxes. Our eco-friendly storage box uses Phase-Change Material (PCM) cooling panels and an anti-microbial essential oil lacquer coating to maintain an optimal temperature of 2°C-8°C, reduce humidity, and slow the production of ethylene gas that triggers ripening, extending the shelf life of fresh fruit by nearly two weeks. Our solution combines sustainability, food safety, and innovative food-preservation technology into an affordable product for modern households.

Anousha Gagneja, Ahana Gagneja, Agatha Goun, Vihaan Sriram



EXR Studio

EXR studio helps elementary students learn STEM through hands-on activities. Instead of only reading about engineering, students get to take apart used electronic devices and see how different parts work together. These workshops make technology easier to understand and more interesting to learn. At the same time, EXR teaches students about reusing electronic waste instead of throwing it away. Through this, students can build creativity and awareness about the environment protection.

Nicole Lin, Austin Ye, Andrew Qu, Austin Hou



FosterNova



FosterNova is a nonprofit organization that supports foster youth by providing personalized academic mentorship and a digital platform with college readiness resources. Through one-on-one mentoring, webinars, and educational tools, FosterNova helps students navigate high school, scholarships, financial aid, and college applications despite frequent placement and school changes. Our mission is to make higher education more accessible for foster youth by combining technology, guidance, and long-term support.

Aryan Sharma, Alaisha Singh

HachikoCare

HachikoCare is a service that provides a GenAI-powered daily care companion for seniors living alone. It combines medication reminder, wellness monitoring, and conversational companionship into one affordable service, while keeping families connected and informed. Daily phone calls will be made to remind the seniors to take their medications, and check up their wellness.

Francesca Yang, Tina Liu



LittleNest Builds

LittleNest Builds is a nonprofit, design-focused organization that transforms recycled cardboard into affordable storage furniture kits for children ages 3-8. Through tool-free, tab-and-slot designs, children can build and customize functional items such as mini bookshelves, toy organizers, stackable cubes, and desk organizers while learning about creativity and sustainable design. By combining child-built furniture, local cardboard reuse, school partnerships, and a return-and-replace recycling model, LittleNest Builds makes storage more accessible, educational, and environmentally responsible.

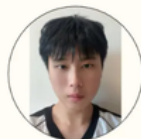
Jamie Zhong, Jiale Li, James Tan



Jamie Zhong
CEO



Jiale Li
CTO



James Tan
COO



NeuroMissions



NeuroMissions is a structured digital platform that connects families of neurodiverse young adults with active Adult Day Programs. We sell digital storefronts to Day Programs, highlighting the facility's services and environment to simplify decision making for families navigating the complex transition. NeuroMissions reduces turnovers and the emotional and financial setback associated with each failed placement by matching individuals based on the fit, not just the availability.

Isabella Patterson, Raykha Guttikonda, Sachiko Busse, Aaron Chu

Rally Up

Rally Up is a mobile app that helps students and community members quickly find volunteer opportunities through an interactive map and personalized tools. The platform simplifies the volunteer experience by allowing users to save and organize opportunities in one place. Rally Up's mission is to make volunteering more accessible and engaging by connecting communities to meaningful volunteer opportunities through a mobile platform.

Guillana Maurice Padayao Villados, Nicole Aguirre Santos

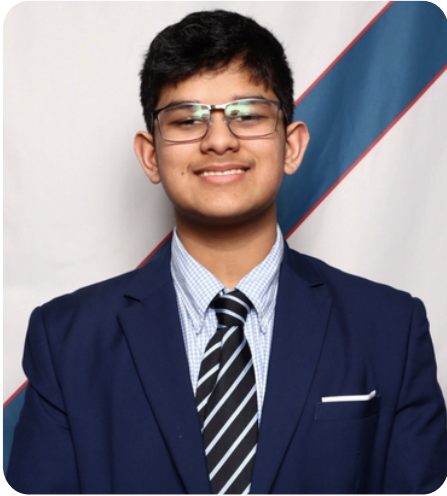


ReGrow

ReGrow is an environmental restoration company committed to revitalizing wildfire damaged areas through an accessible inexpensive alternative to traditional reforestation by strategically partnering with nonprofits and government agencies. Our disintegrating seed packets combine moisture-retaining bentonite clay and ecosystem specific native seeds in a biodegradable coconut fiber packaging. By eliminating the traditional labor-intensive process of digging, planting, and watering, these packets can be easily dispersed to efficiently restore forest, coastal, and desert ecosystems.

Noor Matharu, Navyata Vaddavalli, Sohana Jain





STAY AWAKE

Every day, 200,000 Americans live with the uncertainty of narcolepsy, never knowing when their body may suddenly shut down during everyday moments like driving, talking, or laughing. STAY AWAKE is a wristband that monitors heart rate, posture, and electrical signals in the forearm muscles to detect warning signs of narcoleptic episodes and provide users with a crucial 1-2 minute alert before an attack occurs.

Evan Mathur

StudyBuddies

What if studying felt less like something students had to do alone, and more like learning with friends while even making money on the way? StudyBuddies is a nonprofit educational organization set on helping students learn and study. Students can either learn with a tutor to learn new subjects, or study with their peers to build on subjects they already have prior knowledge about such as math, science, and history.

Arya Nath, Grace Melati Silna Rakowski, Zachary Thomson Lang, Marcus Fox Karlin, Taylor Megan Lang



Aayan



Mahi



Gordon



Arya

Team MAAGEQ

MAAGEQ turns screen time into real-world adventure for young people ages 10-18 through weekly Connect, Explore, and Impact challenges. Teens complete local quests with friends, earn points, submit photo proof, and unlock rewards from local businesses. Built by young people in Jersey City who lived the problem themselves, MAAGEQ connects bored teens, concerned parents, and local businesses through a safer, social, real-world platform.

Aayan Ghosh, COO, Arya Pawar, CMO, Gordon Gu, CFO



VIP JUDGE



Akira Nakano

VIP Pitch Competition Judge

Akira Nakano is the President and Artistic Director of the Los Angeles Inception Orchestra, a nonprofit which helps students develop music compositions to be performed by the Brockport Symphony in 2028. He also serves as the Director of Programs at the Fox Family Foundation. They are currently building a program, Innovating Inclusion, whose goal is to bring the concept of universal design, inclusion, and entrepreneurship to students to all students.

Congratulations



Entrepreneurs

We hope you will join us for



Launching Fall 2026

For more info please visit

www.innovatinginclusion.org



VIP JUDGE



Ashok Murugesan

VIP Business Plan Judge

Ashok Murugesan is a seasoned Information Technology leader with 25 years of experience delivering technology services, enabling client success, and driving sustainable business transformation. He has built a distinguished career spanning pivotal roles at multiple leading IT services and software solutions firms. Recognized for his calm leadership under pressure, technical expertise, and ability to manage high-stakes programs, Ashok brings a rare combination of strategic vision and hands-on execution that consistently earns the trust of the stakeholders. Ashok also owns a non-profit organization, Awesome People (<https://awesomepeopleltd.com/>), to help students who are in need. He holds an MBA from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Congratulations to each of you on taking the courageous first step - turning an idea into a real business plan. As an entrepreneur at heart, I know the skills you are building today - problem-solving, resilience, and bold thinking - are exactly what the world needs. You are the innovators of tomorrow, and I am honored to witness the incredible journey you have already begun. Keep dreaming big and never stop building.



AWESOME PEOPLE

Registered in California



VIP JUDGE



Holly Richardson

VIP Pitch Competition Judge

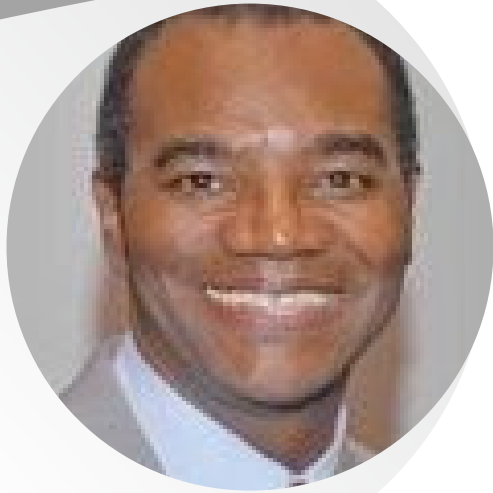
With a strong foundation as a results driven Retail Executive, I bring extensive experience across off price and department store channels, where I led high performing teams and delivered consistent gains in sales, margin, and merchandising execution. My background spans multiple categories including Furniture and Home Accents, Moderate Missy and Special Size Sportswear, Dresses, and Juniors giving me a broad perspective of the retail landscape.

As the Founder of ReVision Retail Consulting, I now partner with manufacturers to refine branding and merchandising strategies, strengthen product assortments, and navigate relationships with the buyers. I'm passionate about helping businesses unlock opportunity through clear vision, smart execution, and customer focused decision making. I'm excited to support the next generation of innovators as a judge in this year's student product pitch competition.

Congratulations to each of you for bringing your ideas to life with such energy and determination. It takes creativity, strategic thinking, and teamwork to build something meaningful — qualities that will serve you well in the future. I'm inspired by your ambition and can't wait to see the success you'll achieve in the years ahead.



VIP JUDGE



James Staton Jr.

VIP Pitch Competition Judge

James Staton Jr. is a Founding Partner of Top Flight Foundation LLC, a nonprofit committed to identifying, training, and scaling top-performing entrepreneurs to meet Tier 1 corporate standards. As an accomplished executive, public and motivational speaker, and published author in national and international magazines, he brings extensive experience to his work. He also serves as a board member and strategic advisor to CEOs, offering guidance on leadership and growth. Throughout his career, Mr. Staton has led successful turnarounds focused on leadership development, executive coaching, and helping individuals maintain balance while pursuing their goals.

Congratulations on bringing your ideas to life with creativity, determination, and confidence. Turning a vision into a plan takes hard work, critical thinking, and perseverance, and you have demonstrated each of these qualities. Your innovation and entrepreneurial spirit are inspiring, and I look forward to seeing how your ideas continue to grow and the success you achieve in the future.



VIP JUDGE



Jerry Heikens

VIP Pitch Competition Judge

Jerry is currently the Executive Director of TiE Los Angeles and TiE Phoenix. He is also the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of iNov8 Capital, an emerging Venture Fund. He is the CEO & Founder of JTH Strategies, a business development and philanthropic advisory. He formerly held the role of Business Development Director at VDOSH venture capital firm.

With a Magna Cum Laude BSBA from Walden University in Public Relations, Jerry holds over 30 years of experience across profit and nonprofit sectors. He is a prominent figure in the startup and investor ecosystem, fostering relationships with numerous investors, investor groups, startups, accelerators/incubators, and channel partners.



VIP JUDGE



Laurel Cameron

VIP Pitch Competition Judge

After 33 years in the CPG Industry, culminating as SVP Sales at Bumble Bee Seafoods, I redirected into Non-Profit volunteer work. On the boards of Princeton's YWCA and Lincroft's Fire Company; I created fundraisers, updated governance policies, advocated on Capitol Hill, participated in the UN's Commission on the Status of Women, created a NEXT GEN Board of young women leaders, and managed a Craft Fair fundraiser with 200 juried artists. A Leadership Redondo alumnus, I currently serve as the Rotary Club of Redondo Beach Community Foundation's President, building an endowment and managing the Board's fiduciary and financial oversight.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**You identified a need,
developed the solution,
built the Business Plan,
created the Presentation,
and courageously brought forth your creation.**

YOU ARE ALREADY A WINNER!



VIP JUDGE



Michael Grimshaw

VIP Pitch Competition Judge

Michael Grimshaw is a business leader, entrepreneur, investor, and educator dedicated to helping students and startups turn ideas into successful ventures.

With more than 30 years of entrepreneurial leadership experience, he has founded, funded, and mentored over 15 startups across technology, education, and social impact sectors. He has helped lead companies including Equinox Networks, Cascade, Shasta Networks, and Ellacoya to successful funding, acquisition, and IPO outcomes.

At California State University, Dominguez Hills, he serves as a Business Management and Entrepreneurship faculty member and on the Advisory Board. He is also the founder of The Sandbox at CSUDH, an initiative that supports innovation, entrepreneurship, and community collaboration.

Michael is the Co-Founder of Serious Improv!, a leadership training company that uses improvisation techniques to strengthen communication, creativity, leadership, and teamwork in organizations.

He is also an active angel investor, certified executive coach, and Bronze Star recipient

Congratulations to the students – keep innovating, building, and leading boldly!

The Team

Mike Grimshaw

Areas of Expertise

Start-up founding & mentoring, Financial strategies for small business, Branding, PR, Marketing & Sales, Engaged Learning techniques, Technology Implementation, and creative classroom tools. Angel Investor

Professional Background

Mike Grimshaw has over 35 years' Founder, Principal, senior level sales, management and start-up experience in the highly competitive technology industry with industry leaders IBM, Cisco, Andrew, Nortel, and Unisys. He has successfully launched/solved market/go-to-market complex products and won numerous awards for his contributions. Mike as an entrepreneur founded 15+ companies and was the founder and President of Pace Data and President of Israel based RAD Network Devices. Mike has proven success in the challenge of bringing innovative start-up companies – Equinox Networks, Cascade, Shasta Networks and Ellacoya to funding, acquisition or IPO.



Nate Lee

Areas of Expertise

Leadership and management training, Business improvement, Creative problem solving, Communication, Brainstorming, Customer engagement, Marketing strategy, Branding, Writing, Copy editing

Professional Background

A graduate of Second City's improv school and lead in Second City's Children's Theatre, Nate has employed improv skills in a variety of careers and management positions. As a writer and ultimately a creative director of a global ad agency, Nate has written and produced national campaigns for P&G, McDonald's, Mazda, Taco Bell and Mattel. He has been a partner in a small LA ad agency; senior editor of a weekly newspaper in Chicago; and a performer at Disneyland. Nate has also written several books of skits and one-act plays for pre-teens to perform, as well as the lyrics for a musical about the 1920s.



310-930-3094 cell/text |
mgrimshaw@csudh.edu

VIP JUDGE



Praveen Balu

VIP Pitch Competition Judge

Praveen Balu is Director of Technology at Venus et Fleur, a luxury floral company. He has experience across business systems, e-commerce operations, finance operations, vendor management, technology infrastructure, and cross-functional execution. His work focuses on building scalable systems, improving operational processes, supporting data-driven decision-making, and helping teams execute more effectively across digital commerce and business operations.

As a VIP Pitch Competition Judge, Praveen brings a practical operator's perspective to evaluating business models, execution plans, operational feasibility, financial discipline, and growth strategy. He is proud to support Project ECHO students as they develop, present, and refine their business ideas.

Building a business takes creativity, discipline, teamwork, and courage. The skills you are developing through this competition, including problem-solving, communication, financial thinking, and execution, will serve you well beyond this event. Best wishes to every team.



VIP JUDGE



Rick Nott

VIP Pitch Competition Judge

Rick Nott, CFA, CFP®, CPWA®, is a Senior Managing Director at Angeles Wealth Management, based out of the firm's Santa Monica office. Rick holds over 15 years of experience in wealth management, with a concentration in asset allocation and strategic planning. As a 'financial architect', Rick employs a thoughtful approach to create customized financial plans that resonate with client values while also facilitating their long-term wealth goals. These bespoke plans aim to ensure stability and preserve generational wealth for Angeles Wealth's clients, including families, business owners, and entrepreneurs.

Rick joined the firm in 2023, bringing with him valuable investment, tax and wealth planning experience. He previously served as senior wealth advisor at LourdMurray, advisor at AdvicePeriod and associate advisor at Signature Estate and Investment Advisors. Rick began his wealth management career at United Capital Financial Advisors.

Congratulations to all participants!

You've overcome obstacles, refined your vision, and brought your idea this far. The journey may be long and challenging, but every step brings growth—and the view from the top is worth it.

**Your determination already sets you apart
—keep climbing!**



VIP JUDGE



Thai Buckman-Jordan

VIP Pitch Competition Judge

Thai Buckman-Jordan is a results-driven executive leader known for strategic growth, operational excellence, and community impact. At VSEDC, she leads the South LA Best Buy Teen Tech Center and AT&T Connected Learning Center, where she has successfully generated funding and built strategic partnerships to expand programming, youth workforce readiness, innovation, and academic success.

As Vice President and Scholarship Chair of SIILK, she has helped expand scholarship opportunities and educational access for underserved students.

With a background in entertainment and a passion for service, Thai is recognized for building impactful systems, empowering communities, and leading with integrity, vision, and purpose.

Never underestimate how far consistency, confidence, and courage can take you. Talent may open doors, but discipline, resilience, and the willingness to keep going are what creates real progress. Anyone can work when they feel inspired; growth happens when you continue showing up even on the days you don't feel like it.



JUDGES



Anil Kumar Enugula

Anil Kumar Enugula is a senior technology leader with over 23 years of experience delivering enterprise-scale solutions in the insurance and financial services industry. He serves as a Subject Matter Expert at Farmers Insurance Group in California, leading architecture and delivery of mission-critical enterprise applications supporting operations. He is a Pega Certified Senior System Architect, Project Management Professional, and holds a Master's degree in Computer Applications.

His expertise includes enterprise architecture, BPM platforms, modernization, and AI/ML-driven transformation initiatives. Anil has led policy administration, billing transformation, and claims automation programs, while mentoring and serving as an IEEE member and hackathon judge.

Brack Hudson

Brack Hudson is an industrial operator and private-equity executive with 20+ years of experience acquiring, operating, and scaling manufacturing businesses. He is Owner and Chairman of Interstate Steel Center, one of California's largest privately held steel toll processors, and Founder of Sleight Industrial Capital, a private equity firm focused on acquiring and growing mid-sized industrial companies.

Brack began his career as an Economist at The White House, where he was present on 9/11/01 and contributed to the President's economic response in the aftermath. He later served as a Financial Policy Aide to the Senate Banking Committee before transitioning into industrial operations. He holds a BS in Economics and an MBA from The University of Alabama.



Dawn Schroeder Telleson



Dawn serves as Sr. Associate Director of Graduate Career Management at the USC Marshall School of Business, where she helps MBA students and professionals translate their education into meaningful career opportunities. With executive leadership experience at IPG, Sony Pictures, and Warner Bros., she brings a practical Fortune 500 perspective to career coaching, including resume strategy, networking, and offer negotiation.

Her global leadership background spans more than 40 countries, \$240M+ portfolio oversight, and initiatives for Amazon Prime Video and Sony Networks. Dawn is especially passionate about supporting first-generation professionals, student-athletes, and international students navigating the U.S. hiring process.



JUDGES



Rida Elias

Rida Elias is an Assistant Professor of Management in the College of Business Administration and Public Policy at California State University, Dominguez Hills, where she teaches Strategic Management and Organizational Behavior. Her research focuses on executive leadership and corporate governance, including CEO identity, compensation, power, succession, and knowledge transfer, with work published in leading journals such as Corporate Governance: An International Review, Journal of World Business, The Leadership Quarterly, and Journal of Strategy and Management. Dr. Elias is committed to experiential and inclusive pedagogy, integrating consulting projects, community partnerships, and innovative teaching practices to enhance student engagement and applied learning.

Shouvik Sharma



Shouvik Sharma is a Data Engineer at Chime with 7+ years of experience in data engineering, analytics, and machine learning. He has built scalable data platforms and pipelines that support product, risk, and business decision-making. His work focuses on turning complex data into practical insights and reliable systems. He is passionate about innovation, problem-solving, and helping teams develop solutions with real-world impact.

Shannon Philip



Shannon Philip is the Co-Founder of Shinebright Coaching, a Los Angeles-based leadership development and coaching firm that has empowered individuals, leaders, and organizations for more than 14 years. With over 20 years of experience in leadership, organizational development, and career coaching, Shannon is dedicated to helping people achieve meaningful growth with greater clarity, confidence, and impact. Through her work, she partners with professionals and organizations to strengthen leadership capabilities, navigate change, and unlock their full potential.



JUDGES



Nancy Langdon

Nancy Langdon is an ISO standards consultant, two-time international bestselling author, and entrepreneur whose career spans quality systems, international business development, technology commercialization, and publishing. She advises aerospace and defense manufacturers and has helped organizations expand into global markets, including the GCC/MENA region. Nancy has authored bestselling design and instructional books translated into multiple languages and reviewed more than 1,150 times. Her entrepreneurial ventures have included water conservation technology, graphene polymers, nanotechnology medical products, and major logistics contracts for Fortune 100 companies. She is also passionate about advancing STEM education through her work with Centro SIMES in Santiago, Chile.

Adewale Oduye, JD, MBA

Adewale Oduye is an emerging venture capital professional and startup ecosystem advocate with a passion for supporting innovation and entrepreneurship. He is currently a Fellow with Dream VC, Africa's leading venture capital institute, where he participates in the Investor Accelerator Fellowship alongside a global cohort of investors, operators, and ecosystem builders. Through the program, he is strengthening his investment expertise while gaining deeper insights into startup ecosystems across the African continent. Adewale is committed to fostering entrepreneurial growth, identifying high-potential ventures, and contributing to the development of thriving innovation ecosystems both locally and globally.



VIP BUSINESS PLAN JUDGE



Amr Arqoub

Amr is an innovation and growth strategist with expertise at the intersection of consumer insights, brand strategy, and emerging technologies. As Innovation Director, Technology & Partnerships at Freshpet, he leads the identification, evaluation, and development of new growth opportunities that drive business impact and long-term value creation. His work focuses on building strategic partnerships, assessing emerging technologies, and translating consumer needs into innovative solutions that strengthen brand relevance and accelerate growth. Passionate about innovation, Amr brings a forward-thinking approach to connecting market opportunities with scalable business outcomes.

Bhaskar Manchuri

Bhaskar Manchuri is a software engineering executive with more than 20 years of experience designing and delivering secure, scalable, and high-performance technology solutions for the financial services industry. He currently serves as Senior Manager of Software Engineering (Vice President) at one of the world's largest financial institutions, where he leads the development of enterprise banking platforms, distributed transaction-processing systems, and large-scale account management infrastructure serving millions of customers.

His expertise includes distributed systems architecture, cloud-native technologies, event-driven platforms, software reliability, automated testing, and resilient platform engineering. In addition to his industry leadership, Bhaskar is an active researcher, peer reviewer, and technology judge, contributing to IEEE, ACM, Springer Nature, and other international scholarly and professional initiatives. His research focuses on software reliability, AI-assisted software engineering, distributed financial systems, and operational resilience in large-scale enterprise environments.

Bhaskar is passionate about mentoring future innovators and helping entrepreneurs translate technology-driven ideas into practical, scalable, and impactful solutions.



VIP BUSINESS PLAN JUDGE



Bunny Kaushik

Bunny Kaushik is a technology leader, Solutions Architect at Amazon Web Services (AWS), and trusted advisor to C-suite executives at some of the world's largest financial institutions, including leading private equity firms and hedge funds. A published author and recognized expert in Generative AI, Agentic Systems, and Machine Learning, he specializes in helping organizations bridge the gap between executive strategy and technical execution to deploy transformative AI solutions in highly regulated industries, particularly capital markets. Beyond his professional work, Bunny is dedicated to mentoring emerging talent, leading university hackathons, and helping aspiring entrepreneurs turn innovative ideas into scalable, real-world business ventures.

Kushal Khatri

Kushal Khatri is the Chief Technology Officer of Feedonomics, a BigCommerce company, and a technology leader with nearly 20 years of experience in software engineering and eCommerce innovation. Originally from India, he earned a master's degree in Computer Science from the University of Southern California. Prior to joining Feedonomics in 2019, he held engineering leadership roles at GSI Commerce and Admedia, where he developed advanced semantic search technologies and high-performance real-time bidding platforms. At Feedonomics, Kushal has led major advancements in product feed management, real-time data synchronization, and event-driven architecture across leading marketplaces, including Amazon, Google, and Meta. He currently spearheads the adoption of generative AI solutions to automate complex eCommerce workflows, helping businesses scale more efficiently while strengthening Feedonomics' position as a leader in digital commerce technology.



VIP BUSINESS PLAN JUDGE



Rohit Shinde

Rohit Shinde is a Senior Process Engineer at Atlas Prediction Control and a recognized expert in industrial process scale-up, advanced manufacturing, and digital transformation. With extensive experience at Dow Chemical and Univation Technologies, he has led the design and commercialization of flagship UNIPOL™ Polyethylene technologies, delivering multi-million-dollar Process Design Packages for global production facilities with capacities of up to 650 KTA. Rohit is known for combining deep technical expertise with innovative engineering solutions to improve efficiency, reliability, and sustainability in large-scale industrial operations. A pioneer in sustainable engineering, he co-developed optimization systems that achieved a 70% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions for industrial nitrogen systems. His work continues to drive operational excellence and environmental stewardship across the chemical and manufacturing industries.

Shaurya Shounik

Shaurya Shounik is an investment professional specializing in private equity, special situations, and corporate restructuring. He serves on the Special Situations team at a global alternative asset manager, where he supports investment diligence and portfolio evaluation through expert consultations, market analysis, and operational and financial assessments of software and technology-enabled businesses. Shaurya has experience analyzing complex investment opportunities, identifying value creation strategies, and evaluating companies across a range of growth and turnaround scenarios. His work combines rigorous financial analysis with industry research to support informed investment decisions in dynamic and evolving markets. Passionate about innovation and entrepreneurship, he enjoys helping emerging businesses refine their strategies and achieve sustainable growth.



VIP BUSINESS PLAN JUDGE



Shreya Yembarwar

Shreya Yembarwar is a Software Engineer at Amazon AGI, where she develops distributed runtimes and inference infrastructure powering the Amazon Nova family of foundation models. As a founding engineer for both the Amazon Nova and “Alexa on LLM” initiatives—now known as Alexa+—she has played a key role in delivering two of Amazon’s most significant generative AI innovations. Shreya specializes in large-scale distributed systems, machine learning infrastructure, and the technologies that enable reliable, high-performance AI experiences for millions of users. Passionate about advancing the future of artificial intelligence, she combines deep technical expertise with a commitment to building scalable solutions that bring cutting-edge AI capabilities into real-world applications.

Suhasan Dillibatcha

Suhasan C. Dillibatcha is a seasoned product leader with more than 14 years of experience building and scaling large-scale digital, eCommerce, and platform products. As a Senior Product Manager at Samsung Electronics America, he drives product strategy and execution across customer experience, omnichannel commerce, and AI-powered personalization initiatives. Throughout his career, Suhasan has led cross-functional teams in delivering innovative solutions that enhance customer engagement, accelerate business growth, and create measurable value. His work has contributed to multi-million-dollar revenue growth while improving the overall customer experience through data-driven product innovation and strategic leadership.



VIP BUSINESS PLAN JUDGE



Vivek Kadam

Vivek Kadam is a Strategic IT Manager and Director at BNP Paribas with nearly 25 years of experience leading complex technology initiatives within the financial services industry. He oversees the full lifecycle of enterprise IT projects, from strategy and solution design to implementation and delivery. Vivek holds a Master's degree in Computer Applications and is currently pursuing a postgraduate certificate in AI and Machine Learning for Business Applications from the University of Texas at Austin. His expertise spans software development, data analytics, and scalable enterprise technology platforms. Beyond his professional work, Vivek is passionate about mentoring young innovators, having coached a middle school robotics team to a state-level championship. He is also an active USTA-rated tennis player.

YOUR SUPPORT CHANGES FUTURES

Every Entrepreneur Starts with an Idea

For nearly **30 years**, Project ECHO has empowered middle and high school students to think creatively, solve real-world problems, and develop the confidence to bring their ideas to life. Through entrepreneurship education, mentorship, business plan competitions, and scholarships, students gain the skills they need to become tomorrow's innovators, business leaders, and changemakers.

■ VOLUNTEER

■ MENTOR

♥ ■ DONATE

"Helping young people turn ideas into action since 1996."

PROJECTECHO.ORG



- **Abhijit Ubale – Sr. Snowflake Data/ ML/ AI Engineer, Progressive**
- **Amanda Fabus – Junior Paralegal**
- **Anshul Garg - Principal Product Manager, Amazon**
- **Chaitanya Krishnama – Data Migration Analyst**
- **Charlini De Almeida – Non Executive Director, CISI Future Foundation**
- **Devashish Kedar – Project Scheduler, Mopec Group**
- **Paridhi Saboo – Data Analyst, Arizona Regional Multiple Listing Service**
- **Diane Uduba – Product Planner, Apple**
- **Gopi Chand Simhadri – Technical Systems Architect, EGY Group**
- **Haripriyanga Navaneethan – Senior Software Engineer, Tesla**
- **Jennifer Brodmann – Associate Professor, CSU Dominguez Hills**
- **Kseniia Litovskaia – ex Head of Procurement and Logistics**
- **Rahul Raj – TPM, Walmart**
- **Sanjana Agarwal – Founder/ CEO, Reflectme**
- **Sanketh Balakrishna – Senior Engineering Manager, Datadog**
- **Tanvi Agarwal – Senior Business Analyst, IBM**
- **Temidire Adesiji – Technical Founder, AI Engineer; Electrical and Computer Engineering**
- **Vaishnavi Gudur – Senior Software Engineer, Microsoft**



Thank you to our Room Managers



Lester Ramirez



Jonathan Velasquez



Johnathan Mejia



Ty Herring



Manuel Fuentes



Rachel Gutierrez

Room Managers are an important part of Project ECHO's Teen Entrepreneurs' Business Plan Competition. Room Managers are CSUDH university students that have been trained to facilitate a classroom pitch competition. This includes managing presentation schedules, assisting teams as they prepare to present their start-up pitches, and facilitation of the judges' Q & A with each team.

**ROOM
MANAGERS**



PROJECT ECHO

ENTREPRENEURIAL CONCEPTS | HANDS ON



TEEN ENTREPRENEURS'
Business Plan
Competition

Project ECHO 2026

Thank you for your role in today's event!

CSU, Dominguez Hills

Teachers

Parents

Students

Judges

From the Project ECHO Staff
Diane Quast, Matilda Albano,
Sara Mantich, and Shohini Banerjee

www.projectecho.org

