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Final Round Presentations + Awards Ceremony

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VENTURE FINALS AGENDA

Each team will have 10 minutes to present and 10 minutes for Q&A with the judges. There will be a 5 minute break between each team for transition. Presentations will take place in Jon M. Huntsman Hall, G06. The networking breaks, elevator pitches and awards ceremony will take place in the Jon M. Huntsman Hall Baker Forum.

1:00 - 1:10 pm  Introduction and Welcome
1:10 - 1:30 pm  Qorum
1:35 - 1:55 pm  brEDcrumb
2:00 - 2:20 pm  QTEK
2:25 - 2:45 pm  BioCellection
2:45 - 3:10 pm  Networking Break
3:10 - 3:30 pm  Our Frontier Crowd
3:35 - 3:55 pm  Daylight OB LLC
4:00 - 4:20 pm  Barn Owl Systems
4:25 - 4:45 pm  WeTrain
4:45 - 4:50 pm  Conclusion and Announcements
4:50 - 5:50 pm  Networking Reception and Elevator Pitches
5:50 - 6:15 pm  Awards Ceremony

*While the judges are deliberating, Finalists will present 2 minute elevator pitches to the assembled audience, who will then vote for the Michelson People’s Choice Award.
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Program Overview

Now in its 18th year, the Wharton Business Plan Competition (WBPC) is among the leading global university-run business plan competitions. The WBPC was launched in 1998 by the Wharton Entrepreneurship Club and is now part of Wharton Entrepreneurship, which co-manages the competition with a specially selected student committee. The WBPC is open to all students at the University of Pennsylvania and in the 2015-2016 academic year saw 150 submissions from over 350 participants across six Schools at the University.

PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE:
• a structured educational entrepreneurial experience
• access to experienced entrepreneurs through the Mentor Program
• interaction with seasoned venture capitalists
• a diverse workshop series on topics such as Financial Modeling, Business Models and Investor Perceptions
• an introduction to myriad entrepreneurial resources both on campus and regionally

Learning Components

MENTOR PROGRAM
The Mentor Program matches student teams with experienced entrepreneurs and industry professionals who provide insight into the business world and, in doing so, help to shape specific aspects of the students’ ventures. Ongoing interaction between students and mentors beyond the WBPC is encouraged.

JUDGES
Judges bring experience and knowledge of the venture process and provide valuable feedback to students on their venture concepts at every stage of the WBPC. The WBPC committee makes every effort to ensure a fair and equitable process.
Participation Process

The WBPC is a comprehensive platform to help entrepreneurs and their teams launch their businesses. The WBPC is structured to help teams enhance their understanding of starting a business and develop their ventures in both a collaborative and competitive environment.

FIRST ROUND
The first round of the WBPC requires students to submit a deck and optional short video that provides an overview of the venture idea. The submissions are reviewed by investors, entrepreneurs and industry experts. At the end of this year’s first round, 25 Semifinalists were selected from the 150 teams that entered the competition.

SEMIFINALS
The Semifinalists are asked to submit a comprehensive pitch deck, and to present before a panel of judges. The process of putting together a full pitch deck encourages students to detail all aspects of launching, growing and managing a new venture, while pitching to judges provides a real-life opportunity to sell the business to professional experts. During the Semifinals, teams compete against other Semifinalists in one of three, self-selected, industry tracks: Healthcare, Technology and Other. Eight of the 25 Semifinalists advance to the final round of the competition—the “Venture Finals”.

VENTURE FINALS
The premier event of the WBPC, the Venture Finals is a unique opportunity for the “Great Eight” Finalists to present their ventures to a panel of distinguished judges, who will select the winners. The Venture Finals attracts an audience of over 200 venture capitalists, entrepreneurs, industry specialists, attorneys, local business leaders, alumni, students and media representatives. After these presentations, the judges adjourn to deliberate and decide the winners of the Perlman Grand Prize, Second Prize and Third Prize. While the judges are deliberating, the entire audience and public can convene for a reception during which each Great Eight Finalist team delivers a 1-2 minute Elevator Pitch on their venture. Following these pitches, the audience votes on the winner of the Michelson People’s Choice Award.

All prizes are announced during the evening’s Awards Ceremony, immediately following the networking reception.
Workshops

Workshops complement the mentoring and judge-provided feedback received by WBPC participants. Led by Wharton and Penn faculty, as well as members of the University of Pennsylvania entrepreneurial community, the workshops are open to all student teams. Many workshops are offered as part of Wharton Entrepreneurship’s WE Wednesday workshop series. This year’s workshops were:

**IDEA GENERATION**

Ethan Mollick  
Edward B. and Shirley R. Shils  
Assistant Professor of Management  
The Wharton School  
September 30, 2015

**TECHNOLOGY PUSH, MARKET PULL, AND THE SEARCH FOR PRODUCT-MARKET FIT**

Professor Karl Ulrich  
CIBC Professor of Entrepreneurship and e-Commerce  
Vice Dean of Entrepreneurship and Innovation  
The Wharton School  
October 6, 2015

**MAKING MORE MONEY BY REDUCING RISK FOR POSITIONING, TARGETING, AND PRICING - THE MOST IMPORTANT ENTREPRENEURIAL (MARKETING) DECISIONS**

Professor Len Lodish  
Samuel R. Harrell Emeritus Professor  
Leader and Co-founder, Global Consulting Practicum  
Emeritus Professor of Marketing  
The Wharton School  
October 14, 2015

**BUSINESS MODEL DEVELOPMENT WITH CANVAS**

Professor Jeffrey Babin C’85/WG’91  
Senior Lecturer and Associate Director  
Engineering Entrepreneurship Program  
School of Engineering and Applied Science  
October 21, 2015

**MARKET RESEARCH AND CUSTOMER SEGMENTATION**

Cathy Ogur  
Business Research Librarian  
Lippincott Library  
The Wharton School  
October 28, 2015

**SALES – SELLING FROM THE TOP DOWN IN A B2B CONTEXT**

Doug Baldasare WG'13  
Founder & CEO  
ChargeltSpot  
November 4, 2015

**BUSINESS FOR GOOD: BUILDING A SOCIAL VENTURE**

Philip Wilson WG'94  
Founder & CEO, Ecofiltro  
November 11, 2015

**THE ART OF THE PITCH**

Professor Laura Huang  
Assistant Professor of Management  
The Wharton School  
December 2, 2015

**BPC TEAM BUILDING/SPEED NETWORKING**

WBPC Student Management Committee  
December 8, 2015

**WHAT DO EARLY STAGE INVESTORS LOOK FOR?**

Josh Kopelman W’93  
Founder and Partner  
First Round Capital  
February 3, 2016

**LESSONS FROM BUILDING ARTISAN MOBILE**

Bob Moul  
CEO  
Cloudamize  
February 10, 2016

**STARTUP FINANCE WORKSHOP**

Michael Taormina WG’15  
Co-founder  
LogicFI  
February 17, 2016

**PRESENTATION TRAINING FOR THE SEMIFINALISTS**

Steve Bowman  
President  
BizClarity  
February 24, 2016

**HOW TO TALK TO TECH**

Alec Lamon  
Senior Director, Research and Innovation Group  
The Wharton School  
and Sarah Toms  
IT Director, Learning Lab  
The Wharton School  
March 2, 2016

**PRESENTATION TRAINING FOR THE GREAT EIGHT FINALISTS**

Glenn Rockefeller  
Director, Tech Solutions Group & Communicate 2.0  
Lecturer, Wharton Communications Program  
April 14, 15 & 22, 2016
Competition Prizes

In 2015-2016, student teams participating in the WBPC compete for over $80,000 in cash prizes and $55,000 in in-kind services.

**PERLMAN GRAND PRIZE**

* $30,000

The Perlman Prize is made possible by a generous donation from Ellen Hanson Perlman and Richard E. Perlman (W'68). The contribution represents the largest gift to the Wharton Business Plan Competition and will provide funding in perpetuity.

**SECOND PRIZE**

* $15,000

**THIRD PRIZE**

* $10,000

**MICHELSON PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**

* $3,000

The Michelson People’s Choice Award is made possible by a generous donation from The Gary and Alya Michelson Foundations.

**GLOECKNER AWARD**

* $10,000

The Frederick H. Gloeckner Award in Entrepreneurial Studies is made possible by a generous gift from Frederick H. Gloeckner and is given to the highest ranking undergraduate team in the WBPC. At least 50% of the team must be Penn undergraduate students. The team must reach the Semifinals and submit a pitch deck & pitch to the Semifinalists judges for consideration as a Finalist.

**WHARTON SOCIAL IMPACT PRIZE**

* $10,000

The Wharton Social Impact Prize is awarded to the Semifinalist team with the business model that demonstrates a clear social impact. The team must reach the Semifinals and submit a pitch deck & pitch to the Semifinalist judges for consideration as a Finalist.

**COMMITTEE AWARDS**

* $1,000 EACH

The WBPC Student Management Committee awards three Committee's Choice awards. To be eligible, teams must reach the Semifinals and submit a pitch deck & pitch to the Semifinalists judges for consideration as a Finalist.

**IN-KIND LEGAL + ACCOUNTING SERVICES**

Each of the top 3 prize winners will receive up to $10,000 of in-kind legal services and $5,000 of in-kind accounting services.

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- Blank Rome LLP
- Duane Morris LLP
- Morgan Lewis Bockius LLP

**PROVIDING IN-KIND ACCOUNTING SERVICES ARE:**

- Grant Thornton
- KPMG

**PROVIDING IN-KIND STRATEGY AND CONSULTING SERVICES IS:**

- GLG Share

**PROVIDING IN-KIND CO-WORKING SPACE AND RESOURCES IS:**

- WeWork

**PAST PARTICIPANTS**

Since its inception, the WBPC has helped develop a host of business concepts into thriving businesses. Not only are many Grand Prize winners still in operation today, but also, the Semifinals and Finals rounds have spawned a number of successful ventures. Past participants have raised significant amounts of venture funding, sold their businesses to multi-national corporations and received industry recognition for their innovations. For additional details on past participants and where they are now, visit page 8.
Past Participants

1999 FINALIST
PayMyBills.com
PayMyBills.com was an early success in the dot com era, growing to over 200 employees and eventually being sold to PayTrust for $65 million.

2000 SEMIFINALIST
NetConversions
NetConversions Inc., a designer of Web technology used by marketers to track website users' behavior, was acquired by aQuantive Inc. in 2004.

2001 GRAND PRIZE WINNER
ProtoCell
ProtoCell is now Integral Molecular, a Philadelphia-based biotechnology company providing innovative solutions for scientific research and drug discovery applications involving cellular and viral integral membrane proteins.

2002 FINALIST
BondMyAuction
BondMyAuction is now buySAFE, Inc. providing eCommerce bonding services that build consumer confidence and provide significant financial and brand building benefits for online merchants.

2003 GRAND PRIZE WINNER
Team Members
PAWs Pet Insurance
Team members of PAWs Pet Insurance are leading Embrace Pet Insurance which combines the next-generation of veterinary-friendly pet health insurance with a deep commitment to profitable, long-term customer acquisition and retention.

2003 GRAND PRIZE WINNER
Team Members
PAWs Pet Insurance
Team members are now leading Petplan, the #1 rated pet insurance in America by PetInsuranceReview.com.
2004 GRAND PRIZE WINNER
InfraScan
InfraScan continues development of its flagship product, the InfraScanner™, a handheld imaging device using near infrared (NIR) technologies for the detection of hematoma, or bleeding in the brain, in head trauma patients.
infrascanner.com

2005 SEMIFINALIST
TerraPass
Since 2004, TerraPass has helped more than 1,000 businesses and institutions, and 100,000s of individuals, take responsibility for their impact on the climate. This has resulted in implementation of dozens of renewable energy and greenhouse gas destruction projects that in aggregate have reduced greenhouse gases in the atmosphere equivalent to billions of tons of carbon dioxide.
terrapass.com

2006 THIRD PRIZE WINNER
Home-Base USA
Home-Base USA is now SalesRoads, the nation's leading B2B appointment setting and lead generation company.
salesroads.com

2007 FINALIST
Angiologix
Angiologix offers cardiovascular diagnostic products used for accurate, non-invasive, and point-of-care testing of endothelial dysfunction. Angiologix, Inc. was acquired by Everist Genomics (now Everist Health) in 2011.
everisthealth.com

2008 SECOND PRIZE & GLOECKNER UNDERGRADUATE AWARD WINNER
InnovaMaterials
InnovaMaterials is now Innova Dynamics, an innovator in advanced materials technology and cleantech that is inventing and commercializing disruptive advanced materials technologies for a sustainable future.
innovadyanmics.com

WHARTON ENTREPRENEURSHIP
2009 SEMIFINALIST
ONEVISION
ONEVISION is now Warby Parker, creating boutique-quality, classically crafted eyewear at a revolutionary price point. Warby Parker partners with non-profits like VisionSpring to ensure that for every pair of glasses sold, a pair is distributed to someone in need.
warbyparker.com

2010 COMMITTEE AWARD
Global Venture
Hector Beverages
Hector Beverages is bringing the functional beverage revolution to India.
hectorbeverages.com

2011 THIRD PRIZE WINNER
baby.com.br
Baby.com.br is Brazil’s leading baby products e-commerce company, offering the deepest selection, lowest prices and Brazil’s best customer service experience.
baby.com.br

2011 MICHELSON GRAND PRIZE WINNER
Stylitics
Stylitics is an innovative platform that gives a direct look into what consumers wear, own and buy on a daily basis providing real-time customer data and insights for brands and retailers.
stylitics.com

2012 FINALIST
Graphene Frontiers
Graphene Frontiers is now Graphene Technologies which has developed a groundbreaking, patented, green, nano-materials synthesis technology that produces graphene from carbon dioxide.
graphenetechnologies.com

2012 SECOND PRIZE WINNER
1DocWay
1DocWay is an innovative telepsychiatry platform built to better connect hospitals with the patients in and around their community. In November 2015, 1DocWay was acquired by Genoa, a Qol Healthcare Company.
1docway.com

2012 MICHELSON GRAND PRIZE WINNER
RightCare Solutions
RightCare Solutions delivers the Discharge Decision Support System, point-of-care risk assessment and workflow tools that reduce 30- and 60-day hospital readmissions. In December 2015, RightCare Solutions was acquired by naviHealth, Inc., a Cardinal Health company.
rightcaresolutions.com

2013 SEMIFINALIST
Skillbridge
Skillbridge gives clients on-demand access to a ‘hidden market’ of top-tier Elite Business Freelancers. Hire the experienced consultants, experts, and specialists you need for short-term engagements without the overheads of consulting firms or the complications of auction-based marketplaces.
Skillbridge was acquired by Toptal in 2016 and is now Toptal Business.
skillbridge.co

2014 PERLMAN GRAND PRIZE WINNER
Slidejoy
Slidejoy is an Android app that rewards users for having trending news and promotions appear on their lockscreens. Slidejoy has over 600k downloads and clients that range from startups to the Fortune 200. Slidejoy’s vision is to make mobile service, apps and devices free for the world. It intends to do so by making advertising interesting through efficient products, sleek design and superior value for consumers.
getslidejoy.com

2015 PERLMAN GRAND PRIZE WINNER
Bungalow Insurance
Bungalow is using data and design to simplify the insurance purchasing process. The company is initially focused on the renters’ insurance vertical, with plans to expand its portfolio to other property & casualty insurance products in the near future.
bungalowinsurance.com
You have a tireless passion for your business. **We will too.**

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For more than 60 years, Safeguard Scientifics (NYSE:SFE) has been synonymous with entrepreneurship and innovation. Today, Safeguard targets companies focused on diagnostics, devices, healthcare IT, fintech, Internet and digital media, and enterprise software. Safeguard targets initial capital deployments between $5M and $15M, and follow-on financings between $5M and $10M.

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BARN OWL SYSTEMS
BIOCELLECTION
BREDCRUMB
DAYLIGHT OB LLC
OUR FRONTIER CROWD
QORUM
QTEK
WETRAIN
Barn Owl Systems

Barn Owl empowers better ranch management with drones and “smart ranch” technologies. Rangeland used for livestock covers 40% of the US, and we believe the long-term health and sustainability of the land is critical for food security and wildlife preservation. Our goal is to empower ranchers with information and tools to improve the economic and environmental sustainability of their businesses and their land. Our systems create immediate value for ranchers by saving time, money, and livestock. Over time, our analytics and management tools improve the long-term health of natural resources.

We integrate drones and ground-based sensors into an independent, low-cost, wireless network. Our drones provide autonomous imagery collection of livestock and natural resources over large areas, and our networked sensors provide real-time monitoring of critical infrastructure. We provide the software that drives the value in the system. Our software enables drone autonomy, persistent sensor monitoring, and custom analytics for rangeland and livestock management.

Barn Owl’s initial target market consists of large livestock ranches and our total addressable market for US ranches is $770M per year. However, we plan to apply our technologies in the broader drone market, estimated to be $17B in 2021. Our revenue model consists of hardware sales, an annual fee for hardware maintenance, and an annual subscription for software and data.

Our team has deep expertise in ranching, aerospace operations, and drone operations. Josh grew up on a ranch in Wyoming, is an experienced Air Force instructor and test pilot, and has a background in leading aerospace test programs. Vince has operated dozens of small drones and is experienced in integrating sensors and drones into wireless networks. Our UPenn educated engineering team, Nichin, Stanley, and Wayne, bring a breadth of expertise and enthusiasm for mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, drones, and computer vision.

TEAM LEADER:
Josh Phifer WG’17

TEAM MEMBERS:
Vincent Kuchar WG’17
Nichin Sreekantaswamy GEE’17
Chia-Wei Lin GEN’17
Hsu Shih-Yao GEN’16
BioCellection

Plastic pollution is a global crisis that threatens the lives of wildlife and the food safety for 4 billion people. Despite current recycling technologies, 90% of post-consumer plastic waste becomes pollution. Polystyrene has very low recyclability and makes up one third of marine pollution. BioCellection is engineering bacteria to upcycle polystyrene into a valuable biosurfactant called rhamnolipid.

BioCellection is founded by technical co-founders who have worked on the science behind the invention for the past four years and currently hold two provisional patents for this technology. In 2013, co-founders Miranda and Jeanny were invited to speak at TED about plastic eating bacteria, which began as a science fair project from high school and has become BioCellection’s platform technology. Currently, BioCellection scientists and engineers are working out of the Penn Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Lab to complete the wet lab prototyping. The management team receives mentorship from world-class experts in science, scale-up, and business development, and has investors from USA, China, and Europe.

Due to the disruptive nature of this technology, BioCellection has two major markets. For both product streams, BioCellection will outsource manufacturing and focus on research and development. In the plastic biodegradation space, target customers range from ocean cleanup organizations to municipal waste treatment facilities. The plastic bioremediation space constitutes a $13B global market for water pollution alone and currently no major competitor exists. The BioCellection team has already secured three plastics suppliers. In the $2.2B bio-surfactant market, BioCellection’s rhamnolipid compound can target agricultural bioremediation, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics manufacturers. Market traction gained from a major textiles manufacturer has shown an opportunity to penetrate into the luxury fashion industry. Through the planned 2017 market entry, BioCellection projects to break even in 2018 with only 3 customers and grow into a $100MM synthetic biology business in 5 years.

BioCellection was founded upon the belief that sustainability can be achieved through rethinking. We aim to turn a global crisis into an even greater opportunity.

TEAM LEADER:
Miranda Wang C’16

TEAM MEMBERS:
Jeanny Yao
Alexander Simafranca C’18
Eric Friedman C’16
Daniel Chapman

WINNER OF THE
WBPC SOCIAL IMPACT PRIZE

WINNER OF THE
GLOECKNER UNDERGRADUATE AWARD
brEDcrumb

Problem: Every year 1.5M of the 3.3M college-ready high school students will undermatch: they either won't go to the best college for them... or more likely they won't go at all. The undermatching problem disproportionately affects underserved students and limits their economic mobility. At the same time colleges are spending $6B on admissions recruiting each year — more than $2,300 per enrollee — and are still not yielding the class diversity they desire.

Solution: brEDcrumb solves both of these problems by creating a mentorship platform based on shared backgrounds. We provide underserved students with an undergraduate, young professional or graduate student who has a shared background. That volunteer — which brEDcrumb calls a “Role Model” — provides personalized guidance on essay writing, scholarships, and how to get to and through college. The brEDcrumb platform also provides deadline reminders, cloud storage for application materials, simplified financial aid forms, access to prep resources, and automated fee waiver claims. By providing a quality technology product and a Role Model who leaves a trail, brEDcrumb creates new quality college applicants. brEDcrumb tracks progress and collects data on the student and is able to offer universities an opportunity to reach the students they were previously missing (e.g., 1800+ SAT, Income <$35k, from FL, GA, NC) and then target those specific student populations through a free or priority application. brEDcrumb charges a per applicant fee for every student claiming said waiver. We're able to do all of this by creating a convenient and virtual volunteer opportunity that allows our Role Models to help their community even if they can't be in their community. Sign up to help your community at bredcrumb.org.

TEAM LEADER:
Scott Elfenbein WG'17

TEAM MEMBERS:
Michelle Xie WG'17
Sam DeLuccia GEN'17
Vijay Kalvakuntla WG'17
Chelsea Atkins C'16
Daylight OB, LLC

Daylight OB, LLC is a medical device company developing technologies to improve health and safety in labor & delivery units. Our first device is a disposable obstetrics device, called Daylight, used to reposition a baby for an urgent cesarean delivery. The device will replace a manual repositioning method associated with poor outcomes and that exposes mothers, babies, and clinicians to unnecessary risk. Daylight has a clear low barrier regulatory pathway and robust intellectual property protection. The Daylight team is on the brink of commercializing the device and has developed distinct achievable milestones.

TEAM LEADER:
Neil Bansal WG’16

TEAM MEMBERS:
Aaron Fisher WG’16
Eric Tepper C’17
Christina Wray M’17/WG’17
Liz Golden WG’16/GEN’17
Our Frontier Crowd

Africa is experiencing unprecedented transformation. Demographic and urbanization trends are undeniable, pointing toward real estate investment on the continent as the growth story of our time. And yet these historic opportunities will go unrealized without intelligent guidance and local access.

Introducing Our Frontier Crowd, the premiere residential real estate platform dedicated to investment opportunities in Africa. Our proprietary technology harnesses the insights of the crowd to connect African real estate developers and potential homebuyers with foreign investors, who seek a chance to earn outstanding market return while creating measurable social impact.

As part of the due diligence process, Our Frontier Crowd first carefully vets proposals from African real estate developers. Next, the most qualified investment opportunities are presented on the platform to locals for further site validation, sending a strong signal to foreign investors regarding quality, risk and return. Once the funding is attained by all capital sources, investors are updated throughout the life cycle of the project. And when the project sells, investors realize their returns.

Our Frontier Crowd closes the gap between perceived uncertainty and real risk, and from global speculation to local validation. Moreover, the platform is designed to test regional investment appetites and to scale throughout the sub-Sahara, ensuring robust deal flow and enhanced due diligence in growth markets.

Our Frontier Crowd is committed to realizing exceptional financial gains for its investors and to making a meaningful difference for all of its stakeholders.

TEAM LEADER:
Greg Hagin WG'16 (Wharton Executive MBA - PHL)

TEAM MEMBERS:
Aristide Toundzi WG'16
(Wharton Executive MBA - PHL)
Robert Specht WG'16
(Wharton Executive MBA - PHL)
William Chan WG'16
(Wharton Executive MBA - PHL)
Nadir Bilici M'19
Qorum

Qorum: the better way for alcohol brands to target millennials and spend their mandated “Drink Responsibly” dollars. With Qorum, alcohol brands can sponsor up to 10,000 free Uber rides from bars per month—for less than the cost of a single billboard.

In exchange for sponsoring rides, Qorum gives alcohol brands guaranteed product placement and distribution throughout our highly influential, millennial-focused bar network.

With a suite of beautifully designed mobile apps and complete point of sale (POS) integration, Qorum also provides alcohol brands with perfectly targeted, on premise video advertising and unrivaled user consumption data.

Qorum shows alcohol brands exactly who drinks what, when and where—in real time—so they can spend their multi-billion dollar marketing budgets more effectively and efficiently.

TEAM LEADER:
Andrew Pietra WG’17

TEAM MEMBERS:
Conner McNamara
Anna Nassery
QTEK

Many plastic companies are using antimicrobial additives to provide a built-in, infection-free surface in public hot spots and household applications. There are 3 existing types of additives on the market today: organic compounds, ionic silver, and other metals. Organic compounds take up the largest market share at 67%. But they contain benzene, arsine, and other heavy metals that consumers have been avoiding for many years. In fact, last year, the FDA, the Canadian Medical Board, and the State of Minnesota have banned most organic compounds.

New regulations and consumer preference changes are driving 67% of the offering out of competition. Plastic companies are forced to find other alternatives. The problem is, these alternatives are expensive, ineffective, and bad for the environment. Plastic companies desperately need a new product to fill this huge void.

Surfion is an ionic copper-based antimicrobial additive. It takes one application of Surfion during the manufacturing process to last the entire life cycle of the product, no maintenance required. Surfion is effective against both bacteria and fungi, it lasts more than 13 years, and costs 50% less than competition. Surfion is safe to use for humans and the environment. This technology was supported by NSF SBIR award, is patent protected around both the material and the process.

TEAM LEADER:
Mengya Li WG’17

TEAM MEMBER:
Bowen Li
WeTrain

WeTrain is a membership-based fitness club, dedicated to bringing our members the best possible prices on high quality training sessions. With hundreds of personal trainers, yoga instructors, pilates instructors and cycling instructors, WeTrain offers its members training sessions as low as $15—anywhere, anytime—and can train clients with or without any gym equipment. Our instructors come to you, both in-person and virtually, and together we are disrupting a massive $40BN market.

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TEAM LEADER:
Jonathan Sockol W'09/WG'16

TEAM MEMBERS:
Zach Hertzel
Mitch Brudy
Juliano DiSimone
Matt Wignall
Bobby Ren
Rick O’Brien
VENTURE FINALS JUDGES

(left to right)

DAVID A. COHEN (PAR'14/PAR'16/PAR'17)
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Karlin Asset Management, Inc.

CAROL A. CURLEY (WG'81), CFA
Managing Director
Golden Seeds

MARC LORE (WHARTON ALUM)
Founder and CEO
Jet.com

RICHARD PERLMAN (W'68)
Founder and Executive Chairman
ExamWorks Group, Inc.

STEPHEN S. TANG (WG'92) PH.D. MBA
President & CEO
University City Science Center

TRACEY WEBER (WG'95)
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CEO, Chief Investment Officer, and Co-Founder
Karlin Asset Management, Inc.

David A. Cohen is CEO and Chief Investment Officer of Karlin Asset Management, a Los Angeles based private investment firm he co-founded in 2005. The company has received considerable recognition as an innovator in the asset management and family office investing arena. It has also received numerous awards including Family Office of the Year by both Institutional Investor and Private Asset Management. Karlin employs a multi-asset class framework to invest opportunistically across a variety of strategies including value securities, distressed real estate, direct lending and natural resources.

Mr. Cohen has over 25 years of experience in principal investing in public securities, real estate, and private equity. He is a frequent speaker and thought leader on distressed investing, risk management, asset allocation and contrarian thinking. Mr. Cohen spent nearly a decade in senior executive positions with one of the largest private companies in the U.S. He also served as a Principal in a $16 billion alternative investment firm (acquired by Blackrock), and started his career as an investment banker and derivatives specialist at Lazard Frères & Co. in New York.

His academic background includes degrees from Cambridge University (M.Phil., honors, completed all Ph.D. coursework, Finance), and Boston University (B.S., summa cum laude and Tau Beta Pi, Engineering), and graduate work at Sydney University as a Rotary Foundation Scholar (Engineering).

Mr. Cohen serves in executive leadership roles or board positions with a variety of non-profit organizations in the areas of education, public policy, medical research and animal welfare.
CAROL A. CURLEY (WG’81), CFA
Managing Director
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Carol is currently a Managing Director with Golden Seeds, an investment firm focused on achieving above-market returns by investing in women-led businesses. Carol has responsibility for the Golden Seeds Knowledge Institute, which houses their investor training activities. She is also an active member of New York Angels, one of the oldest and most active angel investment groups in New York City, which is committed to funding and mentoring great young companies. In addition, Carol is President of The Charian Group, LLC, a company formed to provide consulting services to financial intermediaries, non-profit organizations and early-stage companies with an emphasis on women-led or focused organizations. Charian serves as the investment vehicle for her early stage investments.

Prior to forming The Charian Group, Carol was Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and a member of the Board of Westwood Management Corporation, a registered investment advisor. Carol has held senior investment banking positions with Berkshire Capital Corporation, Prudential-Bache Capital Funding, and Smith Barney, Harris Upham & Co. Inc. She has served as an Adjunct Professor of Finance in the Graduate School of Management at The University of Dallas in Texas and at the Lubin Graduate School of Business at Pace University in NY.

Carol currently serves on the Advisory Board of Urgent Consult Inc, an early stage company in the health-tech space. In addition, she serves as an Advisor to Prosper Startup Accelerator in St Louis as well as a mentor to the Pipeline Angels, which trains women philanthropists to become angel investors; TechLaunch NJ, a NJ-based incubator and BluePrint Health, a health tech Accelerator. She also has served as a judge for the annual Wharton Venture Awards, a program designed to enable student entrepreneurs to spend the summer focused on building their business. Previously, Carol served on the New York Advisory Board of Astia, a global non-profit organization focused on accelerating access to capital by women entrepreneurs; the Board and Executive Committee of Investors’ Circle, a network of socially-responsible private investors; the Board and Investment Committee of The Dallas Women’s Foundation, an organization established to promote economic self-sufficiency for women and girls in the greater Dallas area; and the Board of The Women’s Opportunity Fund, a non-profit micro-lending enterprise.

Carol holds a BA in Economics from Wellesley College, an MBA in Finance from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and is a Chartered Financial Analyst. You can follow Carol on Twitter – @accurley01 or through her Blog http://womeninvest.wordpress.com.
Marc Lore is the Founder and CEO of Jet.com, which has raised more than $700 million in funding. Jet promises radical price innovation in e-commerce by optimizing the underlying economics of online shopping and unbundling the embedded retail costs that drive up price, creating an entirely new business model that works better for both consumers and merchants.

Prior to Jet, Marc was the Co-founder and CEO of Quidsi, the parent company of e-commerce websites Diapers.com, Soap.com, Wag.com and more. The company was founded in 2005 and sold to Amazon in 2011 for $550 million. Marc was also the Co-founder and CEO of The Pit, Inc., an internet market-making collectible company constructed as an alternative to eBay, which was sold to the Topps Company in 2001.

Marc has received a plethora of industry accolades, including E&Y Entrepreneur of the Year regional winner and Fortune’s “smartest people in technology.” The Sunday Times Magazine of London named him one of the “new high-tech entrepreneurs and whiz kids.” Prior to being a serial entrepreneur, Marc held various investment banking positions, including Executive Vice President of Sanwa International Bank in London, where he was head of the bank’s Risk Management Division and Vice President of Emerging Markets Risk Management at Credit Suisse First Boston.

He graduated from Bucknell University, where he received a BA in Business Management/Economics, cum laude, and attended the MBA program at the Wharton School of Business.

Richard Perlman is the Founder and Executive Chairman of ExamWorks Group, Inc. (NYSE:EXAM), the global leader in the independent medical exam industry. ExamWorks provides evidence based medical evaluations to the property and casualty market for workers compensation, automotive and general liability injury claims. Since its founding in 2008 the company has grown revenues to $900 million and is the market leader in the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia. It also has operations in Canada.

Prior to that Perlman was Executive chairman of TurboChef Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ:OVEN), the world leader in speed cook technology, of which he acquired control in 2003 and sold to Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ:MIDD) in 2008. PracticeWorks, Inc. (NASDAQ:PRWK), the world leader of dental practice management software and digital radiography, which he sold to Eastman Kodak (NYSE:EK) in 2003, and AMICAS (NASDAQ:AMCS), a leading medical practice management software company which was sold in two transactions to Cerner Corporation (NASDAQ:CERN) and Merge Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ:MRGS).

Prior to Perlman’s involvement in the public markets, he acquired several private companies in the home furnishings, automotive replacement parts and real estate industries where he was the controlling shareholder and Chief Executive.

Perlman is also the Chairman of Compass Partners, LLC a merchant banking firm specializing in middle market companies which he founded in 1995. Perlman sits on the boards of various private companies in which Compass has invested, as well as the board of The One Group, LLC (NASDAQ:STKS).

Perlman is also the donor of the Perlman Grand Prize for the Wharton Business Plan Competition and serves as a Trustee of The James Beard Foundation. He also is on The Wharton School’s Undergraduate Executive Board and Wharton Entrepreneurship’s Advisory Board.

Perlman is a 1968 graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and received his MBA from The Columbia University Graduate School of Business in 1972.
Dr. Tang became President and CEO of the University City Science Center, the nation's oldest and largest urban research park, in 2008. Dr. Tang is the first president in the Science Center's history to have not only led a company through venture funding and an initial public offering, but to also serve as a senior executive with a large life sciences company as it acquired and integrated smaller start-ups.

Dr. Tang previously led U.S. operations for Olympus America Inc.'s global Life Science businesses. Before joining Olympus, he was president and CEO of Millennium Cell Inc., an energy technology firm he led through its initial public offering. Tang has also had leadership roles with A.T. Kearney Inc. and Gemini Consulting Inc., now known as Cap Gemini.

In 2014, U.S. Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker appointed Dr. Tang to the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (NACIE). Tang is one of the 27 NACIE members who will advise the Secretary on issues related to accelerating innovation, expanding entrepreneurship, and developing a globally competitive workforce. Previously, Tang served on the U.S. Department of Commerce's Innovation Advisory Board.

Along with Governor Tom Wolf, Dr. Tang co-chairs the Team Pennsylvania Foundation. He also serves on regional and local Boards of Directors, including the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and chairs the Board of Directors of the Committee of Seventy.

Dr. Tang earned a doctorate in Chemical Engineering from Lehigh University, an M.B.A. from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and a B.S. in Chemistry from the College of William and Mary.
TRACEY WEBER (WG'95)
Strategic Advisor
Gilt and Hudson’s Bay Company

Ms. Weber has over 15 years of senior digital and ecommerce experience across several industries. Up until the recent acquisition of Gilt by Hudson’s Bay Company, she served as the President of Gilt, where she was responsible for many of Gilt’s operations as well as new strategic growth initiatives. Since the closing of the acquisition on February 1, 2016, she now serves as a Strategic Advisor to Gilt and Hudson’s Bay Company.

Prior to Gilt, Ms. Weber served as the North American Head of Internet and Mobile and Global Product at Citibank, where she oversaw the organization’s growing online and mobile banking services. At Citibank, she successfully launched Citibank for iPad, and during her tenure was named “Mobile Banker of the Year, 2012” by Bank Technology News.

Prior to joining Citi, Ms. Weber was Executive Vice President, Textbooks And Digital Education for Barnes & Noble, where she was responsible for developing, implementing, and managing an entire suite of digital education products and services. Ms. Weber also had a long career at Travelocity, where she served as President, North America and held a variety of increasingly responsible roles, including Chief Operating Officer, North America; Senior Vice President, Air, Car and Last Minute Deals; Vice President, Product Operations; and Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer of Site59.com, which was acquired by Travelocity in 2002.

Ms. Weber graduated from Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and received her M.B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business.
In the Semifinals, teams competed against other Semifinalists in one of three industry tracks: Healthcare, Technology and Other. Teams presented 5-minute pitches to a panel of judges in their industry tracks. The Semifinalists (less the Great Eight Finalists) are listed by track on the following pages.
Healthcare

ANIMOTION LLC
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Laura Taddie, Feini Qu GR'16

Animotion designs wearable devices that enable patients to track recovery from musculoskeletal injuries. This data can be used by physicians to remotely evaluate a patient’s treatment, assess the effectiveness of a rehabilitation program, and suggest changes to expedite recovery. Compared to existing solutions, our device is small, portable, and inexpensive.

DLUX, LLC
TEAM LEADER:
Michael Friedman WG'16
TEAM MEMBERS:
John Whitman, Greg Yeutter

We create lighting control systems that bring the characteristics of natural lighting indoors to promote health, wellness, and productivity. Our systems are designed to help residents fall asleep faster, sleep longer and wake up in a measurably better mood – all using light.

SHERPA CLINICAL
TEAM LEADER:
Vinay Shah WG'16
TEAM MEMBERS:
Scott Ballenger, Chirag Shah

Sherpa Clinical is building a digital marketing platform for healthcare, starting with clinical trial recruitment. Our goal is to use technology to help patients identify and enroll in appropriate clinical trials, thereby improving access to cutting-edge therapies while reducing the time and cost associated with clinical trials.
WAIT’S UP!

TEAM LEADER: Jennifer Meller WG’16 (Wharton Executive MBA - PHL)

TEAM MEMBERS: Alex Kosoglyadov WG’16 (Wharton Executive MBA - PHL), Kavita Mangal WG’16 (Wharton Executive MBA - PHL)

We all know the frustration of waiting in a doctor’s office. Wait’s Up! is an application that integrates with the electronic medical record, tracks flow of patients through the practice, calculates delays in the schedule, and alerts patients of delays, reducing those long, frustrating waits while improving practice economics.

Technology

BASKET

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TEAM MEMBERS: Gagan Gupta ENG’17/W’17, Alexander Sands ENG’17/W’17

Basket sells an all-in-one self-checkout solution that features a mobile application that allows shoppers to scan barcodes and check out from their smartphones. Consumers save time and have a more modern shopping experience. Stores benefit from increased sales through advanced product analytics, reduced labor costs, and direct communication with shoppers.

CHESTNUT LOANS

TEAM LEADER: Naga Tan G’17/WG’17

TEAM MEMBERS: Samantha Cheok, De Wei Koh

Chestnut is a network-driven lending platform for small businesses. We simplify the process of borrowing money from friends and family, helping small business owners avoid awkward conversations and protect their most valuable relationships. Chestnut wants to level the playing field for small businesses, starting with the friends and family loan market.
DON SOLUTIONS
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TEAM MEMBER:
Bicheng Chen WG'17 (Wharton Executive MBA - PHL)
DON Solutions assists manufacturing companies to re-imagine their business in the digital era. Our proprietary technology enables customers to transform physical assets to Internet-connected-objects. Built upon physical digital connectivity, leveraging cloud analytics, we provide strategic and execution capabilities to our customers and deliver incremental value across the Digital Operation Network.

HÖMFIELD
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Andy Schneider GEN'16, Ryan Smith GEN'16
Homfield is an internet-based service that aims to vertically connect the event planning industry and streamline the event planning process.

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Insite Africa is allowing companies to conduct mobile market research in Africa at the click of a button.

JUNTOSALIMOS
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Manuel Botija, Javier Garcia, Feliz Gonzalez Gonzalez, Feliz Gonzalez Herranz, Guzman Gonzalez-Torres, Manuel Ruiz
JuntoSalimos (www.juntosalimos.org) is the first social gamified online platform that helps Spanish-speaking early-stage entrepreneurs promote their startups, receive ideas from experienced professionals, and build key connections to move their ventures forward and succeed.

AIRCUTS
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Stephen Snyder G'17/WG'17
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Aircuts transforms the noisy, hectic airport routine by providing a convenient, affordable-luxury experience to the thousands of busy, wealthy male business travelers who need to look good but are too pressed for time to take care of themselves.

CRESCE CENT BITES
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Crescent Bites offers a line of all-natural ready-to-eat toddler foods that combine the convenience of Lunchables with the nutrition of homemade meals. With recipes crafted by nutritionists and through cold-pressed technology, these foods keep for weeks chilled and are the ideal out-of-the-house meal to provide toddlers the nutrition they need.
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Frapee is a first of its kind mobile gaming aggregator in the Indian market that enables users to earn discounts/cashbacks while playing games. We are creating a shared ecosystem to help game developers, brands and users to mutually benefit from a pooled system.

NASH
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Imagine you could go shopping for any expensive item with an expert negotiator on your side. Get the lowest prices in the most comfortable way. On NASH, you can get your expert negotiator within 1 hour on a 100% success fee model, i.e. at no cost to you.

THE BOTTICELLA WINE SYSTEM
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The Botticella Wine System is the Keurig of boxed wine. Botticella is a countertop appliance designed to transform how consumers store and dispense boxed wine. Our mission is to ensure that every wine drinker can get the perfect glass of wine, for any occasion, at the press of a button.

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VetTechTrek is a veteran-founded nonprofit foundation that is taking the guesswork out of leaving the military and is building a pipeline between the military and the technology sector.

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Viking Travel is a mobile and desktop platform through which the traveler posts a travel request, and receives personalized quotes from curated tour operators local to the destination. This approach delivers value all round: the traveler has access to higher expertise and better rates; the supplier gets better volumes and margins.
The Wharton Business Plan Competition is grateful to the many individuals who volunteered their time and provided valuable feedback to student teams as judges, mentors, and contributors.

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