

# Georgia State Team is e-Fest 2019 Grand Prize Winner

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MINNEAPOLIS, April 14, 2019 -- We are very pleased to announce the results of our 2019 Schulze Entrepreneurship Challenge:

## #1 Team DelivHer (Georgia State University)

These team founders call their invention the "first significant innovation in feminine hygiene products in 80 years". They're bringing to market a patented product created by women for women. Their company is also launching a monthly subscription service of feminine products that can be customized for individual women's needs. *Prize: \$75,000*

**Team:** Chante Knox, Dia Davis

**Advisor:** Isabelle Monlouis

## #2 Team SMARTwheel (University of New Hampshire)

This team tackled the issue of distracted driving with a patented "smart" steering wheel. In addition to providing a warning when distracted driving is happening, a connected app helps drivers understand and improve driving habits and attention. *Prize: \$40,000*

**Team:** TJ Evarts, Jaiden Evarts

**Advisor:** Ian Grant

## #3 Team Vascugenix (University of Arkansas)

This team has collaborated with medical and health care experts to bring to market a patented and FDA-approved medical device that helps surgeons perform arterial catheterization with one hand instead of two hands. Having a free hand helps surgeons maneuver with greater speed and accuracy. *Prize: \$20,000*

**Team:** Abigail Resendiz, Noah Asher, Zachary Cochran

**Advisor:** Martial Trigeaud

## #4 Team SoulMuch (San Diego State University)

Food waste is a growing concern, and this team has created a process for reclaiming unused, cooked grains from restaurants and food service providers and turning it into flour for the "SoulMuch" line of cookies and baked goods. *Prize: \$15,000*

**Team:** Reyanne Mustafa, Dakota Ruiz

**Advisor:** Corey Polant

## #5 Team U-Wash (US Airforce Academy)

Some students don't have time (or interest!) in keeping up with laundry chores. This team created an app and service platform for saving time with laundry. Students can deposit laundry into a secured locker, and a network of people using the app can earn money doing batches of laundry. *Prize: \$10,000*

**Team:** Ryan McKenna, Joseph Johnson, Jack Smith, Caleb Stuffle, Sean McGinty

**Advisor:** Robert Evert

In addition to our top five teams, eFest 2019 recognized two teams with outstanding potential for Social Impact and/or Global Impact.

## Social Impact

### Team Living Waters (Rutgers University)

The world's first personal and portable system for rainwater collection and redirection. *Prize: \$10,000*

**Team:** Joshua Kao, Joseph Bajor

**Advisor:** Laura Fabris

## Global Impact

### Team Dr. Brinsley (Northeastern University)



A stylish, medically validated and high- quality constructed shoe for diabetics. *Prize: \$10,000*

**Team:** Vidhan Bhaiya, Danny Jooyoung Kim

**Advisor:** Kimberly Eddleston

## Pitch Slam!

**#1 Team DelivHer (Georgia State University)**

**#2 Team SoulMuch (San Diego State University)**

**#3 Team Blexx (University of Wisconsin - Madison)**

## Finalist Place Winners

### Group 1

#2 Team Plyo (University of Minnesota - Twin Cities)

#3 Team SnapDuct (University of Western Michigan)

### Group 2

#2 Team Dr. Brinsley (Northeastern University)

#3 Team Living Waters Systems (Rutgers University)

### Group 3

#2 Team Blexx Technology (University of Wisconsin - Madison)

#3 Team Lumastic (University of Virginia)

### Group 4

#2 Team Crowd Play (Quinnipiac University)

#3 Team Iconic EDU (University of West Virginia)

### Group 5

#2 Team Flashtract (Auburn University)

#3 Team Yad (Babson College)

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## Top 25 Finalists Announcement

MINNEAPOLIS, March 15, 2019 -- Nearly two dozen entrepreneurship judges had three weeks and a mission this year: Review over one hundred video pitch submissions and slide decks and determine the 25 teams to invite to the Schulze School of Entrepreneurship in Minneapolis for the April 11th-13th

live competition finals and championship round of e-Fest 2019 and the Schulze Entrepreneurship Challenge.

The main goal of this elite entrepreneurship event, open to undergraduate students in North America and with \$250,000 in cash prizes available, includes recognizing compelling student ideas for products, services, and ventures but moreso aims to encourage student learning and networking around using entrepreneurial thinking and methods to create, validate, and communicate about solutions to problems. As LinkedIn co-founder Konstantin Geuricke mentioned [in his EIX.org article \(https://eiexchange.com/content/301-linkedin-cofounder-start-with-a-team-not-an-idea?search=linkedin\)](https://eiexchange.com/content/301-linkedin-cofounder-start-with-a-team-not-an-idea?search=linkedin), ideas may come and go but the ability for entrepreneurs to form a team, build a plan together, and execute on it is a skill that "dramatically increases the odds of success in the long-term".

According to the judges, e-Fest this year saw a "very strong field" of entries and student entrepreneurs who really "put it out there". The e-Fest competition has [nine judgingcriteria\(https://eix.org/e-fest-guide/presentation-rules-judging-guidelines/\)](https://eix.org/e-fest-guide/presentation-rules-judging-guidelines/), which serve as a comprehensive measure or checklist for preparing to bring an idea to the market. One of the key questions about a new venture is, who will the customers be and how/why will they pay for your offering? A vast majority of the teams performed well in several of the criteria, while teams that achieved consistent high scores across all the criteria were more likely to receive the Top 25 Finalist invitation. All teams receive analytics about their performance, so as to keep improving on their entrepreneurial journeys.

## Recognizing Social & Global Impact

In addition to crowning a new e-Fest champion in 2019, special recognition will be given to two teams with outstanding potential for Social Impact and/or Global Impact. \$10,000 will be awarded to one team in each category:



**e-Fest 2019  
Social Impact  
Award**

**Social Impact Award Candidates:** DelivHer, Dr. Brinsley, Iconic EDU, Invictis Technologies, LiveGreen, LivingWaters Systems, Lumastic, Plyo, SOULMUCH, The Dot, Yad, YouBelong



## e-Fest 2019 Global Impact Award

**Global Impact Award Candidates:** DelivHer, Dr. Brinsley, Invictis Technologies, LiveGreen, LivingWaters Systems, Scrap-It!, SOULMUCH, YouBelong

### 2019 e-Fest Finalist Teams

NOTE: More videos are coming online soon, please revisit as we update this page!

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*(Teams appear in alphabetical order. There may be some team member / advisor substitutions.)*

#### Accugentix | Florida Gulf Coast University

*A safer and more accurate way to measure and dispense small-dose MC oil medications for oral ingestion.*

**Team:** Alainah Hacker, Alex Popoff

**Advisor:** Sandra Kauanui



Alainah Hacker | Biology Major | Founder & CEO Accugentix

#### Blexx Technology | University of Wisconsin - Madison

*A safer and more effective way to manage and dispose of discarded hypodermic needles.*

**Team:** Erin Tenderholt, Jessica Reigh

**Advisor:** Dan Olszewski



Erin Tenderholt  
CEO

Jessica Reigh  
COO

#### CrowdPlay | Quinnipiac University

*A mobile application centered on increasing fan engagement at stadiums during live events.*

**Team:** Andrew Pizzi, Dan Picone

**Advisor:** Dale Jasinski



#### DelivHer | Georgia State University

*A proprietary absorbent product and monthly subscription service for women's hygiene needs.*

**Team:** Chante Knox, Tatiana Harrison

**Advisor:** Isabelle Monlouis

[Link to youtube](#)