

VCIC 2015 Winners and Finalists

Inaugurated in 2015, the Connecticut Venture Capital Investment Competition engages teams of finance majors in evaluating the presentations by the business plan contestants. Investor industry judges in turn evaluate the investment analysis and decisions of the student investment teams. Two teams competed in 2015, from Western Connecticut State and Quinnipiac, with WestConn, advised by Chin-Wen Huang, taking home the traveling trophy. Team members were Domenic Bartolomeo, Thomas Chin, and Zachary Goodwin.

2015 Business Plan Competition Winners and Finalists

Spring Winners

Category	Company Name	University & Advisor	Team Leader
First Place Venture	OrteoPoniX	University of Connecticut Advisor: Mei Wei	Michael Zilm
First Place Personal Service	Assimilation Integration	Fairfield University Advisors: Kathi M. Mettler Michael McDonald	Jia Wang
First Place Consumer Product	Insta-Craft	Central Connecticut State Advisor: Drew Harris	Erin Drennan
Best Written Executive Summary	Cluckin' Green and Clean	Gateway College Advisor: Rose Luglio	Megan Eaton
Best Oral Presentation	Zac's Snacks	Quinnipiac University Advisor: Dale Jasinski	Zachery Fromson
Best Social Enterprise Venture	Nomad	University of Hartford Advisor: Irina Naoumova	Trevor Teply

Spring Finalists

Team Leader	Company	College	Adviser
Jia Wang <i>Camp offering skills to students to assimilate into another country</i>	Assimilation Integration	Fairfield University - SOB	Kathi M. Mettler Michael McDonald
Kim Osborne <i>Bite me is a healthy and all natural fast food truck.</i>	Bite Me!	Western Connecticut State	Pauline Assenza
Albert Shin <i>Quickly check into events and track attendance easily</i>	Check	Yale College (Undergraduate)	Kyle Jensen
Megan Eaton <i>100% natural shampoo for chickens</i>	Cluckin' Green and Clean	Gateway Community College	Rose Luglio
Mostafa Hassan <i>Website for eco-friendly hotels</i>	EcoHotels, LLC	University of Bridgeport - SOB	Elena Cahill

Erin Drennan	InstaCraft	Central Connecticut State	Drew Harris
<i>Convenient craft kits take the guesswork out of DIY projects</i>			
Musab Oun	I-Trainer	University of Bridgeport - SOE	Gad Selig
<i>A computerized and physical cycling system for use indoors</i>			
Hannah Spooner	Kimberly Farm's Table	Western Connecticut State	Pauline Assenza
<i>A table-on-the-farm dining experience</i>			
Trevor Teply	Nomad	University of Hartford - SOB	Irina Naoumova
<i>Platform for unoccupied storefronts and small businesses</i>			
Michael Zilm	OrteoPoniX	University of Connecticut - Storrs	Mei Wei
<i>A bone repair material with a faster healing time</i>			
Rakesh Chandramohan	Prosidekicks	University of New Haven	Alireza Daneshfar
<i>Social media application for facilitating mentorships</i>			
Dustin Zeng	Sinbada global	University of New Haven	Alireza Daneshfar
<i>Cloud Based Mobile App for effective campus communication</i>			
Zachery Fromson	Zac's Snacks	Quinnipiac University	Dale Jasinski
<i>Dehydrated snacks with a twist</i>			

Fall Winners

Category	Company Name	University & Advisor	Team Leader
First Place Venture	oVote	Yale University - SOM Advisor: Jennifer McFadden	Laura Fletcher
First Place Personal Service	JC's Garage and Driving School	Quinnipiac University Advisor: Dale Jasinski	Charles Blizard
Best Written Executive Summary	ChargerGuard	University of New Haven Advisor: Jean Nocito-Gobel	Daniel Delgado
Best Oral Presentation	ChargerGuard	University of New Haven Advisor: Jean Nocito-Gobel	Daniel Delgado
Best Social Enterprise Venture	Have a Heart	Quinnipiac University Advisor: Dale Jasinski	Robert Palmieri

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Campus Cupcakes <i>Late-night homemade cupcake delivery service for college campuses</i>	Ethan	Epstein	Quinnipiac University	Dale Jasinski
ChargerGuard <i>An accessory to reinforce chargers and prevent damage from bending</i>	Daniel	Delgado	University of New Haven	Jean Nocito-Gobel
F.U.S <i>App that combines communication profiles and saves data, memory, energy</i>	Abraham	Kim	Western Connecticut State	Pauline Assenza
Green Heat <i>Alternate clean fuel from waste</i>	Mayank	Nath	University of Bridgeport	Elena Cahill
Have a Heart <i>Helping children afford college who've lost a parent from heart disease</i>	Robert	Palmieri	Quinnipiac University	Dale Jasinski
JC's Garage and Driving School <i>Do-it-yourself garage and instructional driving classes</i>	Charles	Blizard	Quinnipiac University	Dale Jasinski
oVote <i>One-touch micro-polling application with groups and push notifications</i>	Laura	Fletcher	Yale University - SOM	Jennifer McFadden
Pinpoint <i>Help college students navigate their campuses and locate friends</i>	Amanda	Lundergan	Trinity College	Ernest Iannaccone
SwitchBrims <i>Match Your Hat To Any Style With Ease</i>	David	Dechent-Robertin	Sacred Heart University	Leanna Lawter

