

VCIC 2016 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.

Spring 2016. Three teams competed, from Southern Connecticut State, Quinnipiac University, and Fairfield University. SCSU took home the trophy. Advised by Professor Benjamin Abugri, team members were Paul Barlow, Alec Santo and Egzon Dauti.

2016 Business Plan Competition Winners and Finalists

Fall Winners

Best Online Submission (written Executive Summary)	Quiet Breeze
Best Oral Presentation	Verb
Best Business Plan/Model – Personal Business	Campus Clippers
Best Business Plan/Model – Venture Enterprise	Clean Phosphates
Wiggin and Dana Legal Services Prize	Hemostat

Fall Finalists

Team	Leader	Company	University	Adviser	Product or Service
Ricky	Hildebrand	Brand Hero	Quinnipiac University	Dale Jasinski	Career Path and Digital Profile for College Students
Derrick	Russo	Brew Box	Gateway College	Louise Brown	Monthly craft beer selection sent right to your door
Joshua	Macari	Caddy-Clean	Quinnipiac University	Dale Jasinski	The all in one golf club cleaner
Cameron	Burbank	Campus Clippers	Quinnipiac University	Dale Jasinski	A mobile barbershop for Connecticut colleges
Seifallah	Mejri	Clean Phosphates	University of Bridgeport	Mike Roer	Extracting kaolin from phosphate waste
Deena	Mousa	Hemostat	Yale College	Jonathan Kirsch	Hemostat is a spray that stops bleeding instantly
John	Fenton	QuickTune	Quinnipiac University	Dale Jasinski	Drum tuning device
Kiran	Chokshi	QuietBreeze	Yale College	Frances Rosenbluth	Window attachment that lets air through, not sound
Kasem	Omary	Securiscan.me	University of Hartford	Irina Naoumova	App for Information Security Threat Analysis
Rachael	Karp	Top Runner Marketing	Western Connecticut State	Ron Drozdenko	Small business social media channel management
Matthew	Czarnecki	Verb Energy	Yale College	Jennifer McFadden	Verb is a healthy, great-tasting caffeinated energy bar
Shafiq	Zaib	Wholesome, Inc	University of Bridgeport - College of Naturopathic Medicine	Elena Cahill	World's first virtual practice creator for naturopathic doctors

Spring Winners

Best Online Submission (written Executive Summary)	Rise 'n' Prize
Best Oral Presentation	On Board
Best eCommerce Business	Thrivio
Best Business Plan/Model – Personal Business	
First place	Eleframes LLC
Second place	Clean Meadow
Third place	Straight Six
Best Business Plan/Model – Venture Enterprise	
First place	Kitchen Table Inc.
Second place	Rise 'n' Prize
Third place	Raise

Spring Finalists

Team	Leader	Company	University	Adviser	Product or Service
Lucyann	Murray	Clean Meadow	Yale University	Maureen Burke	Dairy Peat, a substitute for peat moss
Rosse	Gates	Eleframes LLC	University of Connecticut	Brian Brady	Free-form interlocking photograph displays for dorm rooms
Joseph	Strong	Hyde Wallets	Central Connecticut State	Michael Nicastro	A wallet that fights card clash and fraud.
Zoe	Lloyd	Kitchen Table Inc.	Yale University	Maureen Burke/ Sharon Oster	Plant-based frozen meal kits sold in grocery stores
Rachael	Karp	On Board	Western Connecticut State	Pauline Assenza	Customizable modular headboard system for dorm rooms
Nicole	Howe	Raise	Quinnipiac University	Dale Jasinski	Visual social networking app for professional recruitment
Giovana	Soares	Rise n Prize	University of Bridgeport	Elena Cahill	App that rewards people for waking up on time
Charles	Blizard	Straight Six Alliance	Quinnipiac University	Dale Jasinski	Tuning and import of rare Japanese engines and cars
Zeel	Patel	Thrilling getaways	University of Hartford	Irina Naoumova	Hotels bookings and extreme adventures
George	Pertesis	Thrivio	Fairfield University	Chris Huntley	Platform to help disability community find essential products and services