



2017-18 Competition

Round 1: Problem-Solution

December 1, 2017

Meet the Judges



Bryan Shaw

Bryan is a former Business Coach with the WV Small Business Development Center and is the Founder of the web development and business startup consulting company, Scaleable Ventures, Inc., Co-Founder of an A/B testing marketing platform called TWO CENTS and is a GrowthWheel, LivePlan and StrengthsFinder certified advisor. Bryan currently works as the Director of Ten50, the business accelerator at RCBI in Huntington, WV.



Jeremy Turner

Jeremy is the Founder and Managing Director of EPIC Mission, a coaching and consulting firm for entrepreneurs, nonprofits and small business. Jeremy has served in leadership roles for industry giants and grassroots startup ventures within the for-profit and nonprofit sectors. Jeremy serves on the leadership board for the RCBI Business Accelerator, Ten50, and has served on over a dozen nonprofit boards. In addition, Jeremy serves as a Business Coach for the West Virginia Governor's School of Entrepreneurship and often judges various pitch competitions throughout the region.



David Williams

David is the Co-Founder and Vice President of Managers Resource Group, inc. He has a strong record of maximizing productivity, profitability, quality and customer satisfaction in organizations of all sizes for more than 30 years. He has led global operations and international sales teams. David is committed to helping organizations, large and small, reach new levels of excellence through superior leadership. His broad background includes senior leadership roles in manufacturing, sales, marketing, operations, logistics, and software development.

Meet the Award Winners

| | First Name | Last Name | Class, Major | Business Project |
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| 1 | Jake | Duvall | Senior, Petroleum Engineering | BarKart |
| 2 | Courtney | Knoch | Senior, English | Food Truck Hub |
| 3 | Melvin | Shuler | Junior, Marketing | Event Connect |
| 4 | Drew | Layton | Junior, Biochemistry | Good Gear Backpacking |
| 5 | Annie | Kubala | Senior, Marketing | Bliss Bakery |
| 6 | Emma | Luciano | Sophomore, Marketing | Bad-Food App |
| 7 | Tianhui | Cao | Junior, Economics | Transport Fix |
| 8 | Courtney | Knoch | Senior, English | Diverse MOV |
| 9 | Aaron | Smith | Senior, Petroleum Engineering | Small Oil & Gas |
| 10 | Josh | Caldwell | Sophomore, Environment Science | Polystyrene Recycling |