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Flyer Pitch Finalists

Five teams will advance to the final round of the University of Dayton's Flyer Pitch competition for the chance to win the $25,000 grand prize to help launch their business.

The final round, which will also include one team from Asia, will be held March 25 in the University's McGinnis Center.

“The competition is truly tougher than ever,” said Vincent Lewis, director of the L. William Crotty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership. “In our 11th year, we expanded the competition to Vietnam and added a second round...
in China. We had more than 200 teams representing more than 25 universities around the world apply to compete. Our finalists are those who showed the most innovation, opportunity and the strongest plans to launch their startups.”

The finalists are:

**Ortus** – Noise cancelling technology developed by the United States Naval Research Labs, which is being redesigned to provide noise reduction in industrial facilities. The team won $2,500 for The Entrepreneur's Center Tech Transfer Award.

**Neet Seat** – A patent-pending pouch that can be attached to stadium and arena seats to hold coats and other items.

**HITGRIP** – Designed by a former professional baseball player, a patented device to help control the swing of hitters in baseball and golfers.

**PowerSage** – A monitoring and control system to reduce power consumption for multi-family residential buildings.

**STAR** – Initially developed through the University’s ETHOS Center, this is an environmentally-friendly refrigeration method for areas without reliable power. It uses solar power and a thermal absorption technique to refrigerate vaccines.

They were selected from among 10 teams at the cameo round, held Saturday, Nov. 19, on campus. Each of the 10 teams earned $1,000 for presenting.

The sixth finalist will be selected during the cameo round for Asia on Jan. 8. Ten teams from China and two from Vietnam will compete at the University's China Institute in Suzhou. The winning team will receive free travel to Dayton for the final round.

Now called Flyer Pitch, the competition — among the largest at the collegiate level — awards more than $150,000 in cash prizes and $150,000 of in-kind support during six rounds in Dayton, China and Vietnam.

**More information is available online.**

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