

Acelerando

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This is *Acelerando*, the newsletter of the UTSA Office for Student Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SIE). Here's where you'll find the latest on what's happening in I&E at UTSA.

Our Blog/News Website is always LIVE!

Click here early and often to see the latest news on I&E at UTSA:

<https://www.utsa.edu/entrepreneurship/news/>

Item 1: Congratulations to the Winning Teams for the Big Rowdy Idea Competition!

The UTSA Big Rowdy Idea Business Plan Competition took place this past Fall Semester—so many great ideas! Thanks to all students who participated as well as all mentors and judges who make the Competition possible.

Here are the winning teams:



Coming in 3rd Place is Team “Advanced Intelligence Travel Services.” Congratulations Patricia Omni and Elizabeth Arredondo (pictured with their mentor Dr. Gianluca Zanella)!



Coming in 2nd place is Team “Day in the Life” with Jose Gutierrez and Armando Cazares!



Coming in 1st place is Team “Overwatch” with Samantha Lugo, Rylee Lippenholz, Jesus Guillen and Jose Morales!

Congratulations to all students who put themselves out there and competed! We hope to see you in the \$100K Tech Venture Competition in this Spring Semester.

Item 2: Two more UTSA Entrepreneurs are Inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame!



November 2 in Houston, Tony Treser (left) and Connor Gallagher-Moore (right) were inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame. Both Tony and Connor competed last year as UTSA students in the Big Rowdy Idea Competition. Tony is Founder of T4 Movement and Connor is Founder of Heliosucrose.

Item 3: Apply Now to Compete in the Spring \$100K Tech Venture Competition

SIE hosts the annual \$100K Student Technology Venture Competition to give students hands-on experience as early stage entrepreneurs. Teams of interdisciplinary students work throughout the semester to develop a technology demonstrator/prototype, business pitch, and business plan to successfully develop a new company. The Competition encourages intercollegiate partnership for senior design projects that can translate into new startup companies.

Kickoff Meeting: February 8 from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Maker Space Collaboration Space

For more info or to apply to compete, click here:

<https://www.utsa.edu/entrepreneurship/events/100k-student-technology-venture-competition.html>

Item 4: Apply Now to Compete in the Inaugural UTSA Draper Data Science Competition!



Details:

- \$75,000 in Cash Prizes
- Applications due: January 27, 2023
- Teams Invited: February 17, 2023
- In Person Competition
- April 21, 2023

Open to all university students in the United States with business ventures that use data science to create value and solve unmet problems.

To learn more or apply: sds.utsa.edu/Draper

Item 5: Check out these external business plan competitions—and apply to compete! Winning competitions can be a great way to power your startup with non-dilutive funding!

2022 Draper Competition for Collegiate Women Entrepreneurs
April 7-9, 2022 | Smith College | Northampton, MA

The national Draper Competition is a business model competition designed to be an on-ramp for women founders seeking access to networks, capital and resources.

If you're an undergraduate woman with an idea for a new business, we encourage you to apply for the ONLY competition where women's entrepreneurial creativity is the sole focus...and the prize money doesn't require you to give up any equity in your venture!

2022 CASH PRIZE POOL = \$100,000
Grand Prize: \$25,000
+ Draper University Heroes Training Scholarship

Sponsored by the Jill Ker Conway Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center at Smith College.

To learn more and apply click here: <https://www.smith.edu/academics/conway-center/entrepreneurship/draper-competition>

USAA, Bunker Labs to host year-long contest with nearly \$300,000 in prizes

San Antonio headquartered USAA announces the launch of the "From Service to Start-Up" pitch contest to showcase, celebrate and support the next generation of military-connected entrepreneurs with a focus on veterans and military spouses. As part of its 100th anniversary in 2022, the contest features a \$100,000 grand prize and \$180,000 in additional placement prizes, seeking to find deserving military-connected start-up businesses that are making an impact on their communities.

These are ongoing competitions held in cities around the U.S. For more info or to apply, click here: <https://bunkerlabs.org/usaa-pitch/>

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR the Rice Business Plan Competition—APPLY TODAY!

- Find investors and compete for \$1+ MILLION in prizes.
- Cash, investment and in-kind prizes are awarded to competing startups.

- Gain real-world experience.
- Receive mentorship, feedback and guidance from investors and entrepreneurs.

- Join top-ranked emerging graduate student-led startups.
- Learn from, network with and connect to colleagues and peers.

Click the text below to learn more and apply!

APPLY BY JANUARY 31—OR SHARE THIS WITH A STUDENT FOUNDER

Apply to:

- Set yourself apart from other student-led ventures
- Get 4 weeks of in-depth mentoring to prepare you for the event
- Have multiple opportunities to showcase your startup to a wide audience
- Get the knowledge that you are on the right track!
- Join a network of 700+ RBPC alum who have collectively raised \$3.16+ billion in funding

For more info on innovation and entrepreneurship at UTSA:

Contact Randy Quinn.

Also—check out our Latest News Updates here:

<https://www.utsa.edu/entrepreneurship/news/>

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