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**BizWorld.org Announces Eight “Young Entrepreneur” Finalists on Their YES! Program Demo Day**

*The YES! Program Empowers Young Entrepreneurs Globally to Pitch Real-Life Businesses For a Chance to Win Up To \$30,000 in Seed Funding*

**Oakland, CA – September 14th, 2021** -- BizWorld.org, a global non-profit providing hands-on and engaging entrepreneurship education programs for youth, is pleased to announce eight youth business finalists (22 businesses total, and 43 students) who will have the opportunity to win up to \$30,000 in seed funding for their businesses thanks to BizWorld’s YES! Program. Two of the finalists competing come from international partner, BizWorld China.

YES! builds confidence and breaks down barriers to propel youth businesses to success. These eight youth businesses will pitch at the virtual [YES! Global Demo Day](#) being held on September 16, 2021. YES! Demo Day signifies the culmination of BizWorld’s students’ entrepreneurial journey. The panel of judges includes **Tim Draper**, Founder, BizWorld.org and Founder, Draper Associates & Draper Venture Network; **Erika Cramer**, Managing Member and General Partner, How Women Invest; **Mergen Chuluun**, Managing Partner, Exponential Partners and Founder, Growth Summit Global and **Jared Yellin**, CEO and Co-Founder, 10X Incubator.

The top 8 youth business finalists are: Akeila Tejwani, CEO of **Akki’s Cupcakery & Tea**; Karthik Ramu and Kushi Sethuram, CEO and COO of **AmityConnections**, respectively; Nitya Ayaggari, CEO of **Doughkeeper**, McKenna Hopla, Founder, **Her-Rah 1st Bra**; Kiyle Gardner, Founder and CEO, **Kiyner Corporation**; Ishan Sinha and Jacob Frumkin, Founder & CEO and CIO of **OPEX**, respectively; Chloe Ke and Jason Zhang, co-founders, **Sage** and Jerry Jiang, Simon, Larry Cao, Ran Dong, co-founders, **WOLV**. US Bank Foundation, Warriors Community Foundation, Independent Institute, Union Bank, RBC, BlackRock, Charles Schwab, ebay, Franklin Templeton and Engagez are all proud sponsors of the YES! program to support BizWorld in leading the way to entrepreneurship for today’s youth.

“Congratulations to our 2021 YES! Demo Day Finalists! Their special day is upon us and they’ve worked so hard to be here,” said Charlene Simonian Vaca, Interim Executive Director of BizWorld.org. “All of these young entrepreneurs have grown and really showcased their talents

throughout the 12-week program. I know each one of our young entrepreneurs has success in their futures!”

The YES! program provides the necessary tools and resources to accelerate high potential young entrepreneurs as they create and develop thriving businesses. Through a 4-phase program, students have the opportunity to prepare their pitches in order to participate in a business accelerator, receive mentorship, and attend interactive virtual workshops. Top businesses “pitch live” for a chance to receive start-up investment of up to \$30,000. Winning youth businesses will receive one year of additional support from BizWorld.org to help take them to the next level.

### **About BizWorld**

BizWorld.org is a global non-profit organization based in Oakland, CA, whose mission is to empower youth to become 21st century thinkers by awakening their entrepreneurial spirit, inspiring them to become the architects of their futures, and giving them the confidence to transform their communities. Founded 24 years ago by Silicon Valley venture capitalist Tim Draper, BizWorld.org programs teach students real-world 21st century skills such as financial management, collaboration, negotiation and leadership that encourage them to become the financially responsible leaders and entrepreneurs of tomorrow. BizWorld.org provides project-based programs for youth, including their flagship program for elementary and middle school students - BizWorld®. BizWorld.org has reached over 800,000 students in more than 100 countries. For more information, please visit [www.bizworld.org](http://www.bizworld.org) or call toll-free 1-888-4-BizKid. For more information, please visit [Bizworld.org](http://Bizworld.org).