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BizWorld.org Picks Winner of the Girlpreneur Competition

Mark Cuban, Tim Draper and Sue Siegel chose a winner on Saturday, October 15 at the Girls Festival in San Francisco

San Francisco, CA – October 18, 2016 -- BizWorld.org, the largest teacher-led global non-profit providing engaging entrepreneurship education programs for elementary and middle school children, announced the competition winner and the People's Choice winners in front of a packed auditorium at the Girls Festival on Saturday at Fort Mason.

The first place winner of Saturday's Girlpreneur Competition, a girl-conceived business called MySelf won \$2,500 to help finance their business. MySelf winners June, Ginger and Holly Bernstein of Mill Valley bravely and boldly pitched investors Tim Draper, Mark Cuban and Sue Siegel, and answered tough questions to beat out the competition. Their prizes include giving the gift of the BizWorld program to their own schools so that they can help inspire other young entrepreneurs.

The People's Choice winner, voted as an audience favorite, was Lucia Patterson of Oakland, for her company, Lucy's Sushi. 9 year old Lucia wowed the audience with her compelling and well-executed business pitch, and left the judges practically speechless.

The Girlpreneur Competition is a contest designed to sprout the spirit of entrepreneurship among girls. Girlpreneur advances the mission of BizWorld to educate students on entrepreneurship, finances, and the life skills that come from actively participating in entrepreneurship programs.

"We aim to de-mystify entrepreneurship and inspire all girls to act upon their ideas and dreams," said Thais Rezende, CEO of BizWorld.org. "These winners are evidence that girls can lead and succeed and that their ideas can be made real if they take action. They give all of us the confidence to dream big and we are very proud of them."



The 5 finalists were:

Natasha Rao and Priya Vyas of Fremont for their company **Coepic**

Lucia Patterson of Oakland for her company **Lucy's Sushi**

Ginger Bernstein of Mill Valley for her company **MySelf**

Charlotte and Caitlin Kane of San Francisco for their company **be-tween**

And Cassandra Aguilar Olmos of Hawthorne, CA for her company **Pawsitive Feeder**

Other contestants also showed their business ideas at BizWorld.org's exhibitor booth on Saturday.

About BizWorld.org

BizWorld.org is a global non-profit organization based in San Francisco, CA, whose mission is to empower children 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 19 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 three, project-based programs - BizWorld®, BizMovie® and BizWiz™. BizWorld.org has reached more than 600,000 students in more than 100 countries. For more information, please visit www.bizworld.org or call toll-free 1-888-4-BizKid.