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BizWorld.org Announces Four "Young Entrepreneur" Winners on Their YES! (Young Entrepreneur Success) Program Demo Day

YES! Empowers Teen Entrepreneurs to Launch Real-Life Businesses and Provides Seed Funding of up to \$30,000 to The Finalists

San Francisco, CA – October 17, 2019 -- <u>BizWorld.org</u>, a global non-profit providing hands-on and engaging entrepreneurship education programs to students all around the world, held their inaugural YES! program Demo Day at DocuSign and announced four "teen entrepreneur" winners.

YES! Demo Day, a celebratory event, signified the culmination of BizWorld's students' YES! entrepreneurial journey; a summer highlighted by immersive workshop experiences, webinars, and transformative 1:1 virtual mentorship sessions, all in preparation for the opportunity to pitch their business ideas to a panel of investors for seed funding. The panel of celebrity judges included: Alvin Attles III of the Attles Center For Excellence, Harry Gould, Vice President, WorldWide Alliances and Channels at SailPoint, and Andres Torres, former San Francisco Giants Outfielder and now, analyst at NBC Sports Bay Area.

Through the 3-phase program, students create a business plan, participate in an accelerator program, and compete for up to \$30,000 in start-up funding. Our program is free and offered online, removing barriers that could prevent young entrepreneurs from achieving their dreams.

These young entrepreneurs (ages 17-22) were awarded seed funding based on their business' viability and the passion of their CEOs. The winners are Andrea Zamora of <u>Hustle Dolly</u>; Matthew Galvez of <u>LottaWorldWide</u>, John Ciocca of <u>youBelong</u>, James Greene of <u>FixMyKix</u>

"At BizWorld.org we have an unwavering commitment to unleashing the power inside every student through entrepreneurship. We believe entrepreneurship programs can be the path to hopeful futures and positive social engagement we so critically need in our communities today." said Thais Rezende, CEO at BizWorld.

BizWorld's innovative YES! Program creates a unique and collaborative eco-system of youth businesses. <u>The Golden State Warriors</u> and <u>Attles Center For Excellence</u> proudly co-sponsored the YES! Program this year.

"We are proud to support <u>BizWorld</u> and the extraordinary work they do to empower our future leaders," said <u>Warriors Community Foundation</u> Program Manager, Evan Schwartz. "By engaging students in entrepreneurship education and teaching them how to run a business, they are inspiring under-served students to become creative, critical thinkers with the confidence to tackle real-world problems. BizWorld is integral to allowing Bay Area youth to achieve their highest potential, and for that, we are thrilled to call them our partners."

Al Attles III, Founder of the <u>Attles Center For Excellence</u> said, "ACE is thrilled to have partnered with BizWorld to launch the YES! Program. BizWorld YES! Demo Day gave the young entrepreneurs a bright light by taking concepts in their minds and bringing them to fruition and providing great feedback and support from professionals to help them push forward. I loved being a judge, and am thrilled to see that BizWorld provides students of all socioeconomic levels with a program that helps them realize their dreams. We look forward to making this partnership bigger and better moving forward."

"The entrepreneurial spirit is at our core and we are constantly innovating to find game-changing solutions that empower our youth.", remarked Thais Rezende, CEO at BizWorld.org

More information on YES! and other BizWorld Programs can be found at www.bizworld.org/Yes.

About BizWorld

BizWorld.org is a global non-profit organization based in Oakland, CA, whose mission is to empower students and young entrepreneurs 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 world. Founded 20 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 financially responsible leaders and entrepreneurs of tomorrow. BizWorld.org has reached almost 800,000 students in more than 100 countries. For more information, please visit www.bizworld.org or call toll-free 1-888-4-BizKid.

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