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Business competition names semi-finalists

MANCHESTER — The Manchester Young Professionals Network has announced five semi-finalists who will participate in the MYPN New Hampshire Start-Up Challenge business plan competition and compete for \$25,000.

The semifinalists are:

- Bartlomiej Sapeta, creator of laser cut teaching templates for architectural design education;

- Jute eCoCuffs (Neelima Gogumalla, Annelise Pitt), maker of an affordable, functional and sustainable alternative to cardboard sleeves used to insulate hot beverage cups (JuteeCoCuffs.com);

- Nearby Registry (Allison Grappone), provider of an online gift registry service for independent retailers and service providers;

- Say IT Write Communications (Danielle R. Grant), a communications firm specializing in Web content strategy and management services (<http://sayITwriteNH.com>);

- TRX Sports (Cameron Miner), creator of "FLEYE" video and GPS products and systems that allow sports enthusiasts to capture their experiences and share them online.

MYPN members and the public are invited to meet the semifinalists and learn more about the competition on April 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at abi Innovation Hub, 33 South Commercial St., Manchester. Register online at mypn.org.

The annual MYPN NH Start-Up Challenge is a state-wide business plan competition designed to encourage entrepreneurship and social innovation (mypn.org/nh-start-up-challenge).