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Hofstra University Student Wins the New York Global Student Entrepreneur Awards (GSEA), Advances to National Competition

Tania Speaks to compete in National Qualifier and in the running for a cash prize

New York, NY – The New York chapter of [Entrepreneurs' Organization](#) (EO), the world's leading peer-to-peer network of successful business leaders today announced Tania Speaks, a student of Hofstra University, as the champion of the New York City regional qualifying rounds of the [Global Student Entrepreneur Awards \(GSEA\)](#).

GSEA is EO's premier global competition for students who own and operate a business while attending college or university. The qualifier competition hosted by EO New York this year reviewed a dozen applications, with 6 finalists competing for the regional title. The [New York regional competition](#) took place in Manhattan on **Monday, November 4, 2019** in two competitions; the semi-finals competition was held at the Lawrence N. Field Center for Entrepreneurship at Baruch College (55 Lexington Avenue), and the finals competition was held at New York University's Leslie eLab (16 Washington Place). Students competed against one another and were judged by prominent entrepreneurs and active EO members across the greater New York City area. Tania Speaks now makes her way to the U.S. Nationals competition being held on February 10-11, 2020 in Redwood City, CA (Silicon Valley), and in partnership with [Startup Grind](#).

Sharing her excitement about the win, Tania Speaks said, "I had an amazing experience at the GSEA competition. I met incredible people and made valuable connections! I am looking forward to competing at Nationals, representing the greater NY GSEA community, young student entrepreneurs, and in solidarity with others that are or have been bullied."

EO New York President Ameen Nassiri notes, "One of the most rewarding experiences I have had is getting involved with GSEA. Although GSEA is to inspire and provide a platform for the incredible Student Entrepreneurs, I am the one that walks away truly inspired and in astonishment of the entrepreneurial ventures and technologies these Students have created. GSEA is a Global Competition for university students, and every student competitor is a winner! If you want to experience something that is undeniably magical, get involved with GSEA!"

The New York regional competition also provides aspiring collegiate entrepreneurs the opportunity to compete with their peers in the National GSEA competition, and the Global Student Entrepreneur Awards. Participants in the GSEA competition are college or university students and entrepreneurs that are primarily responsible for a business that has been operational for at least six consecutive months. [Learn more](#)

About the Entrepreneurs' Organization's Global Student Entrepreneur Awards:

As the premier global competition for student entrepreneurs, the Global Student Entrepreneur Awards (GSEA) represents nearly 2,000 prominent student entrepreneurs from more than 50 countries. Built on a mission to inspire students to start and grow entrepreneurial ventures, GSEA brings global visibility to pioneering student business owners. Since 1998, the GSEA, a program founded at the John Cook School of Business at Saint Louis University, has honored outstanding students who simultaneously attend university full-time while running their own businesses. The Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) took on leadership of the GSEA in 2006 to offer student entrepreneurs access to a global network of mentors, resources and connections from the most influential community of entrepreneurs in the world. To nominate a student entrepreneur or to get involved, visit www.gsea.org.

About the Entrepreneurs' Organization:

The Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) is a global, peer-to-peer network of more than 14,000 influential business owners with 193 chapters in 60 countries. Founded in 1987, EO is the catalyst that enables leading entrepreneurs to learn and grow, leading to greater success in business and beyond.

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