

Welcome to the 17th Annual 2024 HCC Business Plan Competition

Advisor Orientation
Tuesday, February 8, 2024
6:30 – 8:00 pm

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We do this by offering workshops, seminars, summits, classes and competitive training and advising, while also providing practical knowledge, resources and connections.



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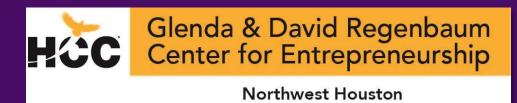


Sandra Louvier,
Director, Glenda & David Regenbaum
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OUR TEAM



Sandra Louvier



David Regenbaum



Sabiha Dholkawala



Carola Medina



For Proposed, Startup*, and Existing Entrepreneurs

What makes the HCC Business Plan Competition Unique –

- Applicants can apply as a team of from one to five persons.
- Six free, 3-hour training sessions.
- Dedicated Business Advisors are provided to each accepted team.

*Startup – had not yet achieved 6 continuous months of net profit.

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Contestant Prerequisites

ONE Required Program or Class - <u>Proposed & Startup Entrepreneurs Only</u>

Complete ONE offered by HCC:

 Small Business Success. Series by HCC[©]



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- Continuing Education Class Online
 - Creating a Successful Business Plan (CASBP)
- College Credit Classes:
 - Small Business Management
 - Entrepreneurship & Economic Development. Glenda & David Regenbaum
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Complete ONE of our Partner Programs: OR

> Liftoff Houston Training & Competition



U of H SURE Program

HAUL Small Business University.



ONE Required Financial Webinar/ Workshop – All Team Leads



Financial Management Webinars

January 18— David Regenbaum January 24 — Nannette Ray January 30 — Ed Rios

January Financial Workshops were onsite prior to the pandemic.

We went virtual in 2022.







Advisor Orientation

February 6



Competition Training & Advising

Competition Training:

- Contestant Teams MUST be present at all 6 competition training sessions.
- Advisors need only attend their choice of 3 of the 6 training sessions.
- The 6 sessions are spread over February through May. Six Tuesday evenings, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

One-on-One Advising:

- Contestants and Advisors meet virtually/onsite one-on-one before or after or in-between training sessions at their convenience.
- Total Advisor time approximately 4 hours per month.

Submission of completed Business Plan by May 06, 2024.

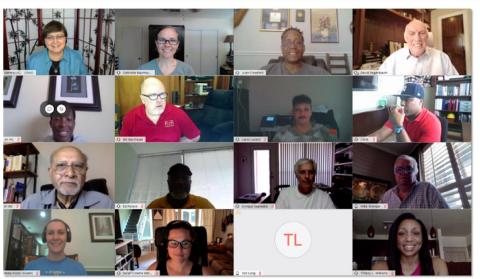
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Six Free Training Sessions



Pivoting in 2020 during the pandemic from On-site to Virtual Training Sessions





Competition Timeline

January 5 - 26 Apply

February 22 Chosen Teams Notified of Acceptance

February - May Training Sessions - Six Tuesday Evenings

Feb 27, Mar 5 (O), Mar 19, Apr 2, Apr 16 & May 7

February – May One-on-One Advising

May o6 Plans Due

May 13 Presentation Slides & Videos Due

May 30 Finals & Pitches (Onsite)

June o6 Prize Money Awarded to Winners (Onsite)



^{*}All Virtual except those designated as O-Onsite.



1-Roles & Responsibilities

David Regenbaum

HCC Business
Plan Competition
Training Sessions

- 1 February 27
- 2 March 5 (O)
- 3 March 19
 - 4 April 2
- 5 April 16
- 6 May 7

2 - Leadership and Team Development Thea Goldin-Smith

3 - Business Models, Marketing and Sales Austin Tenette & Karen Sharp

4 - Financial Requirements
Nannette Ray

5 - Putting It All Together
Written Plan
David Regenbaum & Sandra Louvier

6 - Pitch Presentation
Sandra & Lyndsey Brantley





OUR TRAINERS



David Regenbaum



Thea Goldin-Smith



Austin Tenette



Karen Sharp



Nannette Ray



Sandra Louvier



Lyndsey Brantley



LEAD ADVISORS



Willy Verbrugghe



Karen Sharp



Role of the Advisor

- Encourage Contestant Teams to meet deadlines and complete the Competition;
- Assist in evaluating business opportunity;
- Review Contestant Team's work regularly, and make suggestions for improvements;
- Lead by example: meet commitments, keep Contestant Teams positive, encourage timeliness, complete work, follow-up of suggestions made;
- Serve as Business Plan Reviewer;
- Attend training sessions with Contestant Teams;
- Spend at least 4 hours per month assisting Contestant Teams.



Role of the Advisor – contd.

- Six Contestant Training Sessions
 - We request advisors attend at least three of the six sessions:
 - Tuesday evenings from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
 - February 27, March 5 (O), March 19, April 2, April 16 and May 7.
 - One-on-one virtual meetings usually held immediately before or after one of the virtual training sessions and up until plans are due on May o6. Slide presentations and one-minute videos are due on May 13.
- Optional Attendance at Business Plan Pitches on Mat 31, 2024 if your Team Makes the Finals!
- Optional Attendance at Awards Ceremony June o6, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm



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Finalist Presentation CyFair Psychological Group of Texas, PLLC - Tracy Johnson





Finalist Presentation Keeping Your Parents Safe, PLLC - Barbara Wogh







Finalist Presentation Loving Lacquer Cosmetics - Kimberly Loving







Finalist Presentation Mommy and Me: The Listers - Crystal Williams-Lister





Finalist Presentation RE.STATEMENT - Hannah Le







2023 Winners





2023 — Five Winners & 24 Graduating Teams

\$12,000 – 1st Place Mommy and Me: The Listers

\$8,000 – 2nd Place **RE.STATEMENT**

\$4,000 – 3rd Place Keeping Your Parents Safe, PLLC

\$1,000 – Honorable Mention CyFair Psychological Group of Texas, PLLC

\$1,000 – Honorable Mention Loving Lacquer Cosmetics



3rd Place – Keeping Your Parents Safe, PLLC – Barbara Wogh



Honorable Mention – Loving Lacquer Cosmetics: Kimberly Loving





2nd Place – RE.STATEMENT – Hannah Le







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2019 — 25 Graduating Teams 2020 — 24 Graduating Teams

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2021 – 24 Graduating Teams

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2022 — 22 Graduating Teams

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2023 – 29 Graduating Teams

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Coming Up....

February Schedule:

- February 6 Advisor Orientation and Info Session
- Feb 6 22 Applications reviewed, and teams chosen.
- Feb 6 22 New and Returning Advisor forms submitted
- February 22 Announcing Contestant teams paired with Advisors
- February 27 Competition Training Session #1 Virtual
- March 5 Competition Training Session #2 Held Onsite at Alief Hayes Main Bldg., A319/A320



2024 HCC Business Plan Competition

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to present this information to you and hope that you found the information useful. We look forward to teaming you with one of the contestants.

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