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REGIONAL AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ENTREPRENEURS TO COMPETE FOR VENTURE FUNDING

The first of its kind event series will provide area students with the opportunity to win up to \$18,000

Washington, DC ---Today, the World Series of Entrepreneurship (WSE) announced the second annual regional high school entrepreneurship competition series will take place in Washington, DC. The competition series, organized in partnership with the David and Mikel Blair Family Foundation, Katherine and David Bradley, amongst others, will feature 30 Washington, DC area high school student entrepreneur teams competing for venture capital and scholarship awards up to a combined \$18,000.

The kickoff event will be held this Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 6 PM at Alley Powered by Verizon. The competition is open to the public and will be streamed live.

"There is no question that when young people have opportunities to discover and nurture their talent, they can demonstrate their brilliance, inventiveness, and resourcefulness," said WSE co-founder Marcus Noel. "This Wednesday we will see some of the area's brightest high school entrepreneurs pitch their business ideas and products to some of our country's most successful entrepreneurs and a chance for real and substantive support to grow and nurture their venture."

DETAILS:

WHO: The World Series of Entrepreneurship (WSE)

Washington, DC Regional area high school students

David Blair - Montgomery County Executive (Candidate) + Minority Owner Monumental

Sports Entertainment

Nasir Qadree- AT&T Director of Social Investments Harry Alford III, Co-Founder of Humble Ventures

Sekou Biddle, Vice President of UNCF

Susana Marino, President and Founder of NoVa Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Rick Wade, VP of Strategic Alliance and Outreach, US Chamber of Commerce

WHAT: WSE 2018 Washington, DC Regional Competition **WHEN:** Wednesday, May 16th, 2018 at 6:00 - 9:00 PM

WHERE: Alley Powered by Verizon

2055 L St NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC

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ABOUT THE COMPETITION

<u>The World Series of Entrepreneurship</u> (WSE) is the premier league of youth entrepreneurship. This competition series is for high school students who have developed entrepreneurial ventures, providing them a platform to compete for funding and scholarship dollars, mentorship, and internship

opportunities. The 2018 competitions have taken take place in Chicago, Philadelphia, Dallas, and Washington, DC on May 16th.

ABOUT THE WSE

The World Series of Entrepreneurship (WSE) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to empowering the next generation of Americans to believe in themselves and get involved through entrepreneurship. Through innovative programming and curriculum, WSE is committed to helping young people build essential skills, connections, and confidence to solve the business challenges of today and tomorrow.