

# SHARK MAKERS



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## EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

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## SEASON 2025-26 FINALISTS

### Workshop 5:

March 10th

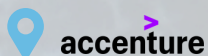


This workshop focused on **advanced methodologies** and **final pitch preparation** as teams prepared for Pitch Tank. Hosted at RHS-TV, the same studio where the final pitches will take place, students had the opportunity to rehearse in a real-world environment. This marked a turning point as teams sharpened their ideas, clarified their impact, and began thinking like true founders.

**Trident Winner: NAVA**

### Workshop 6:

March 31th



The final workshop of the season was **Mock Pitches**. Teams engaged in intense preparation for their final presentations and built confidence for the big stage ahead.



## PITCH TANK



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2023-24 FINALIST, 2024-25 THIRD PLACE, BOLD INNOVATOR, HALL OF FAME



**CHRISTIAN DE NAPOLI**

2017-18 FIRST PLACE MENTOR

### Pitch Tank: A Night of Impact

Hosted at Embarc Collective

Pitch Tank was an incredible evening filled with bold ideas and powerful storytelling. The business and alumni panels were **AMAZING!** Our **finalists delivered outstanding pitches**, showcasing confidence, clarity, and real impact. Thank you to everyone who contributed, supported, and participated. Your energy made it a **truly special and unforgettable evening.**



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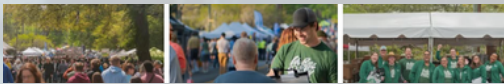
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Our mentors and students **showed up in a powerful way at the Valspar Tournament**, volunteering their time and energy to support something bigger than themselves. It was incredible to see leadership in action, serving, collaborating, and representing the SharkMakers community with pride. **Moments like these remind us that impact goes beyond the stage.**



We're excited to **welcome Grow Financial to the SharkMakers business community as a sponsor**. Through this partnership, we'll expand financial literacy opportunities for our students, equipping them with skills that last far beyond the program.

### Support Our Teams



In doing so, you are helping our students gain real-world business experience, fueling their creativity and empowering them to bring their ideas to life. **Together, we are developing the changemakers of tomorrow.**

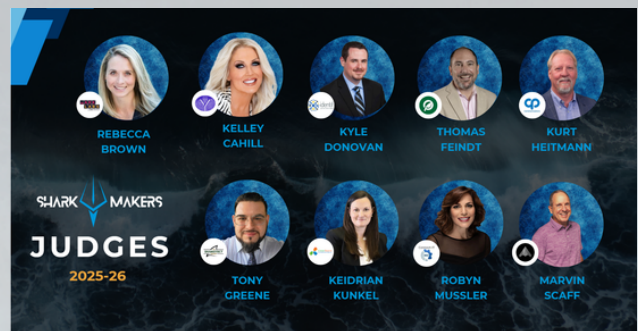


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### What's Coming Up?

**Final Pitches:** **Final Pitches (a closed event)** is just around the corner, where our finalists will take the stage and present their product and venture. The excitement and anticipation are high as students get ready for this defining moment. It's the culmination of their hard work, and a **powerful step forward in their entrepreneurial journey!**

April 14th



### Award Ceremony:

April 21st - 5:30 - 8pm



Join us as we **celebrate this season's SharkMakers** and announce our winning teams, recognizing the innovation, growth, and impact of our students.



### Exciting Opportunity for our Finalists!



### Miami Pitch-Off - Next Level Opportunity

All six finalist teams will head to Miami for an **all-expenses-paid Pitch-Off**, presenting to a new panel of judges for a chance to earn an **additional \$2,000 in prize funding**.

### APRIL HOLIDAY SPOTLIGHTS

