

Utica University Preferred Mutual Small Business Competition 2026

EVENT ITINERARY & RESULTS

Date & Location: April 22, Wednesday, 1:30pm at Hislop Auditorium, Thurston Hall

Event Information Page: <https://www.utica.edu/small-business-plan-competition>

OPEN REMARKS (1:30pm – 1:40pm) (President Nesbitt, Utica University; Representative, Preferred Mutual)

SESSION I (1:40 PM – 3:00 PM)

Team 1 – CyberReady, Nolan Flynn and Ben Lohmann, Time: 1:40 – 1:55 PM

Team 2 – ConnectPlus Makayla Coleman; Time: 1:56 – 2:11 PM

Team 3 – Namnu Pratiksha Bista and Ashim Pandey; Time: 2:12 – 2:27 PM **(First Prize Winner)**

Team 4 – Zugo Will Hilfiker; Time: 2:28 – 2:43 PM **(Second Prize Winner)**

Team 5 – TurstLens Aryan KC; Time: 2:44 – 3:00 PM

COFFEE BREAK

3:00 PM – 3:20 PM

SESSION II (3:20 PM – 4:40 PM)

Team 6 – Real-Time Bias-Aware AI for ACL Rehab Ashim Pandey and Emmanuel Kow-Donkor; Time: 3:20 – 3:35 PM

Team 7 – After-Hour Pick UP Solutions Ruby Sutphin; Time: 3:36 – 3:51 PM

Team 8 – Pasqualetti Pasta Anthony Pasqualetti; Time: 3:52 – 4:07 PM

Team 9 – LocalLens Revati Nishant Nasikkar; Time: 4:08 – 4:23 PM **(Third Prize Winner)**

Team 10 – VulneraX Patric Penna & Vonnie Magnussen; Time: 4:24 – 4:40 PM

CLOSING EVENTS

Judge Panel Recess

4:40 PM – 5:00 PM

Awards Ceremony

5:00 PM – 5:15 PM

