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Students at Valley Christian Schools are poised to be Silicon Valley's next generation of entrepreneurs, innovators and business leaders, as was evident in the school's inaugural President's Business Challenge this past school year.

With 70 students taking part in the program, VCS's campus transformed into a veritable hub for innovation and business savvy. Participants attended seminars and workshops conducted by prominent Silicon Valley business leaders, gaining

invaluable experience as well as the necessary tools and training to develop startup concepts and pitch them to "real-world" venture capitalists.

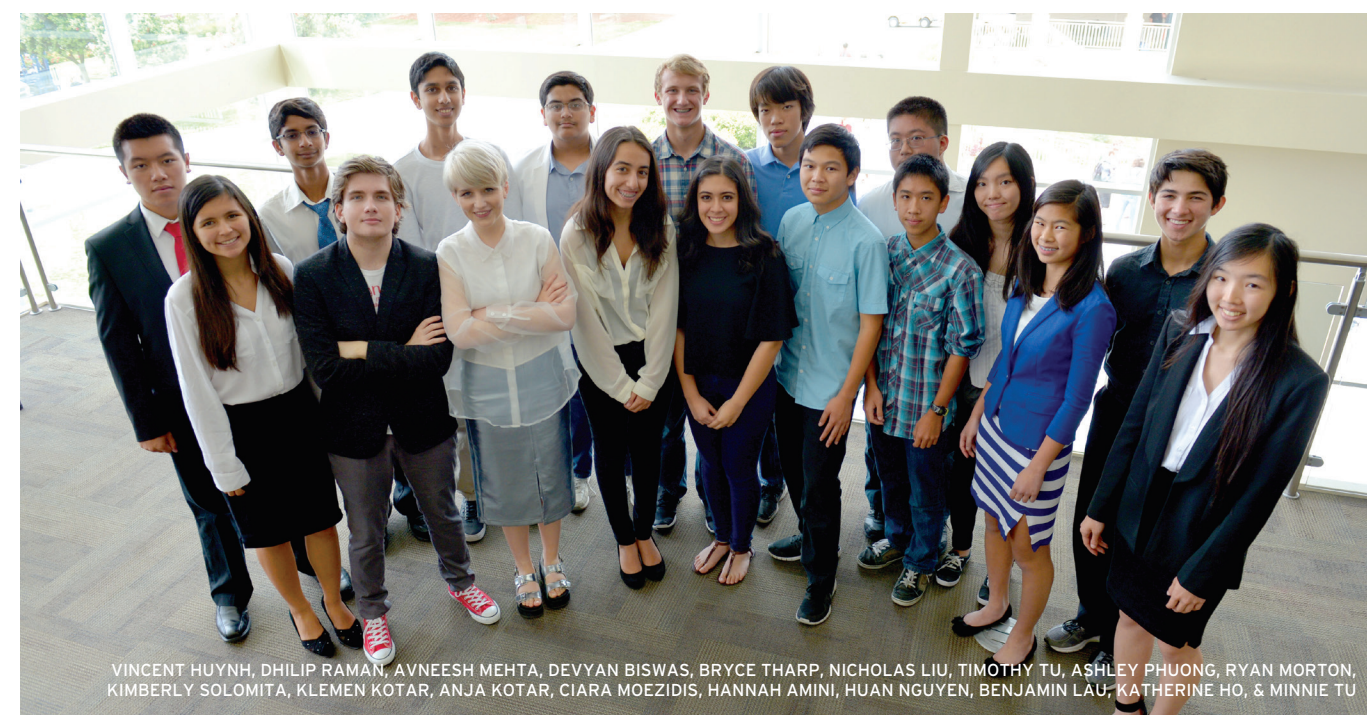
The creative process began with intensive training and mentoring from Silicon Valley leaders including Danny Kim, co-founder and chief technology officer of Full Armor Corp; James Chung, founder and CEO of myCIO; Pat Gelsing, CEO of VMware; and John Tortora, COO of Sharks Sports &



KIMBERLY SOLOMITA, VINCENT HUYNH, MINNIE TU, HANNAH AMINI



MINNIE TU (LEFT), KIMBERLY SOLOMITA



VINCENT HUYNH, DHILIP RAMAN, AVNEESH MEHTA, DEVYAN BISWAS, BRYCE THARP, NICHOLAS LIU, TIMOTHY TU, ASHLEY PHUONG, RYAN MORTON, KIMBERLY SOLOMITA, KLEMEN KOTAR, ANJA KOTAR, CIARA MOEZIDIS, HANNAH AMINI, HUAN NGUYEN, BENJAMIN LAU, KATHERINE HO, & MINNIE TU

Entertainment, LLC. These executives taught students the ins and outs of areas such as entrepreneurship, corporate leadership, the venture capital pitch and much more.

Then top corporate executives were on hand as judges, providing critical feedback—as well as praise.

Kevin Compton, co-founder of Radar Partners in Palo Alto, where the final presentations were made, beamed: "To say I was impressed is a complete understatement."

Chi-Hua Chien, co-founder and managing partner of Goodwater Capital in Los Altos, agreed: "I look forward to seeing some world-shaping entrepreneurs come out of VCS in the years to come."

Steve Nelson, senior director of external relations at Harvard Business School, said if there was a Top Under-18 Entrepreneurs

list, "these VCS students could well top the charts. The poise, teamwork, energy and creativity of these students were especially noteworthy."

The top three finalists made their final pitches to these industry stalwarts on May 1, and each team was recognized for hard work and innovative ideas. Team Prism won best overall and most fundable idea, which came with a \$1,000 cash prize; Team OFFO captured the best use of technology and \$500; and Team Tempo earned the biggest idea award and \$500.

With the successful debut of the President's Business Challenge, VCS made good on its mission to promote, support and foster student entrepreneurship—and continue the school's "Quest for Excellence."