Terriers Startup Challenge ignites entrepreneurs

Cohen Kellogg ’26, a finance major from Deephaven, Minnesota, claimed the top $4,000 prize during the eighth Terrier Startup Challenge in McMillan Theater in the Mungo Student Center.

Kellogg's venture, Window Washing Guy, and 12 other concepts created by students were featured during the pitch competition. Each team had four minutes to present their ideas to a panel of judges for a chance to win a portion of $10,000 in startup funding.

“It means so much to be able to invest these funds in my dream,” Kellogg says. “I am going to work on trademarking my company, buying marketing materials and advertisements and putting together the next steps for franchising.”
Epps earns volunteer of the year award

John Elliot Epps ’24, left, and Freddie Strange Jr., executive director of the Free Medical Clinic in Columbia, South Carolina.

John Elliot Epps ’24 began volunteering in 2022 at the Free Medical Clinic in Columbia, South Carolina, and quickly became known for his willingness to serve in any capacity.

For his efforts, Epps, a biology major from Columbia, was recently named the clinic’s volunteer of the year for 2024.

“He does anything we ask of him with no complaints,” says Freddie Strange Jr., the clinic’s executive director. “He goes above and beyond what we would normally ask a volunteer to do, whether that’s cleaning parking lots, helping me make repairs to the building or helping patients with their electronic devices.”

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In January, Shaan Chhabra ’25, a biology major from Greenville, South Carolina, journeyed to Ahmedabad, India, and shadowed Dr. Sagar Betai, a practicing neurologist. During his time there, Chhabra found inspiration to incorporate some of India’s health care practices into his pursuits in neurology.

“I want to implement some of the practices from India, like better patient care,” Chhabra says. “As a future neurologist, I aim to treat patients individually, not as mere numbers or statistics.”

Under the tutelage of Betai, Chhabra divided his time between two hospitals: SGVP Hospital and a civil hospital in Gandhinagar. SGVP caters to the city population, while the civil hospital serves villagers with fewer resources.

At SGVP Hospital, Chhabra observed neurological examinations and procedures. He even conducted some general examinations, including taking vitals.
Kendall Cosper ’24 channeled her passion for the ocean into an inspirational research experience.

Kendall Cosper ’24, a physics major from Jacksonville, Florida, showcased her summer research at the 2024 Ocean Sciences Meeting this past February in New Orleans.

Cosper’s research, fueled by her passion for marine science, was compiled during her participation in a Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program she found through her advisor, Dr. Mackay Salley ’95, professor of physics.

“When I found that REU opportunity, I really liked it, as well as the research that my mentor was doing,” Cosper says. “It involved a lot of different aspects of biophysics, such as studying the ways animals swim in the water and analyzing data from ocean measurements in physical ways.”
Daniel Brasington ’25, an economics major from Woodruff, S.C., shares his transformative Interim experience studying abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark. Despite the winter chill, he found warmth in the Danish concept of “hygge,” a feeling of contentment and coziness. Through connections with locals and embracing a culture focused on quality of life, not extravagance, he discovered a second home.
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