

CO-DIRECTOR PROFILES



Shaurya Patni **Hopkinton, MA**

Junior at Massachusetts Academy of Math & Science at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) interested in medical science, technology, math, and research methods.

Student Research intern at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School.

Won first-place award in National for Business Professionals of America, won a first-place award for medical innovation in the New England Regional competition.

Won top twenty award at the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) international leadership conference.

As a TYE 2021-22 participant, my team "Legendus" developed a start-up designed to let students review and publish the literary pieces of their classmates. We created a business plan and executed a peer-review communication hub for schools and students to read and critique classmates' writing in an encouraging and incentivizing environment overseen by the school.

My leadership role as TYE Co-Director taught me creative thinking, problem-solving, effective collaboration with TiE Boston and industry leaders. In addition, I evaluated and mentored new team ideas, and increased event outreach and marketing for TYE. I believe that tackling new challenges, research and development, meaningful innovation, and entrepreneurial mindset is crucial for our growth.

My favorite moment of being Co-Director in the 2023 program was lunch time and engaging in conversations with student cohorts from different backgrounds and perspectives.

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Raina Patel

As a TYE participant, we developed a business called FoodBound, which is an app that serves as the middleman to deliver leftover food from restaurants to homeless shelters.

Becoming a leader at TYE helped me better understand the process of developing a business as well as taught me skills in communication, teamwork and how to be a profound leader.

My favorite aspect of being a co-director was being able to take advantage of my creative freedom and have fun with the students to create marketing TikToks, interviews and more!

I am interested in pursuing a career in entrepreneurship, finance and/or economics. Throughout TYE, I was able to learn the ins and outs of a business and explore every aspect of the field, this helped me to narrow down a career path for my future.

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Nathan Riesenburger

Hi! I'm Nathan, and I started "Vitality" through TYE. Within Vitality, my team proposed an innovative solution to measuring user blood pressure, temperature, and heart rate (along with checking ECG for Atrial Fibrillation) from the wrist without any compression. Through this, my team won 3rd Place in the TYE Boston Final Pitch Competition and 1st Place in Massachusetts DECA for the EIP event.

As a co-director in TYE, I got to further understand the program's value firsthand. I watched the students grow from needing frequent mentoring to teaching me various leadership skills and entrepreneurial concepts. Furthermore, my favorite part of being a co-director was watching the culmination of this growth in the final pitch competition. The competition was also a great reminder of my personal development through TYE.

While I was a student, I gathered strong interests in entrepreneurship and medicine which I still pursue today. Along with pushing me towards fields I enjoy, TYE gave me the confidence, leadership, and entrepreneurship skills that allowed me to later found my own medical club, take on various initiatives, and pursue research.

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Varun Trivedi

Hi, I'm Varun Trivedi, and I worked with TYE to launch "Vitality." My team at Vitality came up with a creative way to measure a user's blood pressure, temperature, and heart rate from the wrist without compression. As a result, my team took home first place in Massachusetts DECA for the EIP event and third place in the TYE Boston Final Pitch Competition.

As a Co-director of TYE (The Young Entrepreneurs), my leadership experience has profoundly influenced my perspective on entrepreneurship. Overseeing and guiding young minds in developing innovative projects has demonstrated entrepreneurship's immense value to our community. Witnessing the transformative power of converting ideas into viable businesses has shown me how entrepreneurial ventures can drive economic growth and address societal challenges.

Furthermore, one of my favorite parts of being a director was the high growth of the students. At first, many struggled with the concept of entrepreneurship, but in the end, they were helping me understand and further my learning of entrepreneurship. All of them achieved so much during the program, and seeing that has made me proud, as I was able to help create an impact in someone's life. Just like these kids, TYE helped me understand the path of my future. I understood that I am deeply interested in entrepreneurship, but my passion lies even more closely with finance.

Exploring the world of business and investments excites me, and I am eager to leverage my financial acumen to drive successful entrepreneurial ventures.

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Vidhatri Pujar

As a TYE participant, our business idea was an attachment that goes on gym equipment that uses the kinetic energy created by the workout to generate green energy to power the gym and send excess energy to the grid to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases emitted in powering buildings like gyms. Our team name was Electrocise and we won 1st place in the Boston TYE pitch competition (Best Business Model).

As a co-director I got to see and sometimes guide the process of creating these ideas and the teamwork and skills that are gained through the process from an outside perspective. I saw participants struggle at the beginning of the year to even interact with their peers, and then by the end of the year be able to confidently present to a crowd of complete strangers this idea that they had collaborated with others for months and created. Being a co-director showed me how important entrepreneurship is, not just for the ideas or companies that are created, but for the communication and oratorical skills that are gained in the process as well.

My favorite moment/aspect of being a co-director in the 2023 program was the mock pitch day a couple weeks before the final pitch day. That day I was able to see the groups that had struggled and worked hard every TYE session, and at home despite their school work, present with confidence this idea that they had come up with and were so interested in. Additionally at the end of each presentation, I saw how eager each team was to get back their feedback, and no disappointment in any team regardless of the feedback, but instead constructive brainstorming and improvement that really showed growth in each person and exemplified the entrepreneurial mindset.

The academic fields I am interested in are Computer Science and specifically Cybersecurity. I am also very interested in Economics and Finance and hope to be able to pursue a career in that industry as well.

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Daksh Shah

Hi, my name is Daksh Shah. My TYE business idea was a company named Vitality which created a squeeze-free device meant to track patient vitals from this wrist. This made understanding your health highly efficient, less expensive, and more comfortable. We got third place in the final pitch competition along with winning the Entrepreneurial Passion Award.

Being a Co-Director has impacted my opinion of leadership as it has taught me the meanings of responsibility and accountability, and it has improved my ability to empathize with people. All good leaders need to be and feel responsible and accountable for the actions of their group members, good or bad because that is what makes them good leaders. Additionally, first being a student and then a leader at TYE, I understand the problems and the struggles that students go through when creating their business which helps me empathize with them.

My favorite aspect of being a Co-Director in the 2023 Program is the opportunity to guide people when they are in a tough spot. The ability to help students and then watch them accomplish something or come up with a solution to their problem is a great feeling.

Personally, I am interested in business finance which means studying financial management and financial decision-making within companies. Additionally, it involves learning how the business utilizes its funds to achieve its financial objectives.