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Title: Top Winners of The Gauntlet Business Competition

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Announcement from The Gauntlet Awards ceremony (took place Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the Vinton War Memorial). This was the 5th Annual Gauntlet Business Program & Competition (started with 122 entrepreneurs/84 businesses that participated in the 10 weeks of training and then 50 of those businesses went on to participate in the business competition portion)!! The following is a list of the Gold Division winners (top 12 winners) with their localities and total value of their cash and in-kind prize packages. All 50 businesses won prize packages based on their needs for their startups or expansions to further advance their business goals and strategies!! Congratulations to all 50 participating businesses, and graduates, of the Gauntlet Business Program & Competition!! Thank you to all the 2019 Sponsors, Localities, Partners, Mentors, and Community Leaders that make this program a success!! Special thanks to our lead sponsors WFXR and State Farm for your support and community advocacy!! Lastly, immense gratitude to each participating locality including Roanoke County, Roanoke City, Botetourt County, Alleghany Highlands, and the Town of Vinton!!

- **12th Place- Valley Cryotherapy**
 - Roanoke County
 - TOTAL: \$4,575.00
- **11th Place (tie)- The Foundry**
 - Roanoke City
 - TOTAL: \$9,380.00
- **11th Place (tie)- The Harvest Collective**
 - Roanoke City
 - TOTAL: \$9,245.00
- **10th Place- Born Again Custom Woodworks**
 - Alleghany Highlands
 - TOTAL: \$6,399.00
- **9th Place- Keely Massie Photography**
 - Alleghany Highlands
 - TOTAL: \$6,595.00
- **8th Place (tie)- Advanced Racking**

- Botetourt County
- TOTAL: \$9,745.00
- **8th Place (tie)- Downshift Outfitters**
- Roanoke City (expanding into Roanoke County)
- TOTAL: \$7,245.00
- **7th Place- Accelerated Academics**
- Roanoke County
- TOTAL: \$10,145.00
- **6th Place- Honeycomb Grove**
- Alleghany Highlands
- TOTAL: \$14,045.00
- **5th Place- Quest Knight Enterprises**
- Alleghany Highlands
- TOTAL: \$7,845.00
- **4th Place- Why Knot Boat With Us**
- Roanoke County
- TOTAL: \$11,929.00
- **3rd Place- Easy Workings**
- Alleghany Highlands
- TOTAL: \$17,345.00
- **2nd Place (tie)- IVO Limited**
- Alleghany Highlands
- TOTAL: \$18,845.00
- **2nd Place (tie)- Roanoke Neuromuscular**
- Roanoke County
- TOTAL: \$18,185.00
- **1st Place- Formable Grabber**
- Alleghany Highlands
- TOTAL: \$21,095.00

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<https://www.wsls.com/video/gauntlet-awards>

http://www.roanoke.com/business/energy-company-wins-gauntlet-business-competition/article_90491661-521a-59c2-8336-42cad870fdde.html

<https://www.virginiafirst.com/news/good-news/winners-announced-at-the-gauntlet-business-competition/1191163832>