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The 10th annual NH Social Venture Innovation Challenge ([SVIC](#)) has concluded and we are pleased to **announce the winning teams among ten finalist teams** who advanced to the Final Round and presented live on Thursday, December 1, 2022.

**We could not host this transformational learning experience for NH's students with out the support of our many partners - thank you!**

Major supporters of the 2022 SVIC include Impax Asset Management, Kennebunk Savings and Timberland; additional supporters include Unitil, Cirtronics, CCA Global, Prime Buchholz, Pete and Gerry's Eggs, New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility, The Recycled Planet Company, and UNH ECenter Maurice Prize.

The SVIC is a collaborative, interdisciplinary event, organized at UNH's [Changemaker Collaborative](#), a partnership of UNH's Sustainability Institute, the Peter T. Paul College of Business & Economics and the Carsey School of Public Policy. Additional collaborators include UNH faculty who embedded the SVIC into their fall courses, Ian Grant, Executive Director of UNH's [ECenter](#), who served as advisor to many teams who advanced to the Final Round, and Greg Van Kirk, an award-winning social entrepreneur and Founder of Social EntrepreneurU, who led an intensive credit-bearing human-centered design course for students entering the SVIC.

## Congratulations to the 2022 SVIC Winning Teams!

### **Coweed**

*Coweed is an aquaculture venture which will produce a bovine-edible supplement made from THM-rich seaweed, which will reduce methane production in cows.*

Anthony Lotane, UNH 2025 | Philosophy

Sam Croteau, UNH 2025 | Analytical Economics

*Advisor:* Ian Grant, Executive Director, ECenter

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***Judges Award:***  
**Best Articulated Problem**

**Halo**

*Halo is a date rape drug detector in the form of a smart ring that can sample the drink and log the data collected.*

Audrey Powers, UNH 2024 | Business Administration: Finance

Emma Pixley, UNH 2024 | Business Administration: Marketing

Taylor Burgess, UNH 2024 | Business Administration: Marketing and Management

Maddie Beaton, UNH 2024 | Business Administration:

International Business and Economics and EcoGastronomy

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***Judges Award:***  
**Most Original Innovation**  
***Audience Choice Award:***  
**Third Place**

**Enersave**

*Enersave utilizes smart home technologies to lower residential energy demand during peak load events, reducing emissions and saving ratepayers money.*

Eli Duggan, UNH 2023 | Bioengineering

Imran Khan, UNH 2025 | PhD Candidate, Civil Engineering

*Advisor:* Taler Bixler, PhD Candidate, Civil Engineering

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***Judges Award:  
Most Impact Potential  
Audience Choice Award:  
Second Place***

### **New Hampshire Aquaponic Initiative**

*The New Hampshire Aquaponic Initiative is a proposed project to implement aquaponics - the process of raising fish and organic vegetables in tandem - at the state's fish hatcheries.*


Alice House, UNH 2024 | Environmental Engineering

Noah Waldron, UNH 2024 | Environmental Engineering

Anna Gombas, UNH 2023 | Civil Engineering and German

James Wood, UNH 2023 | Environmental Engineering

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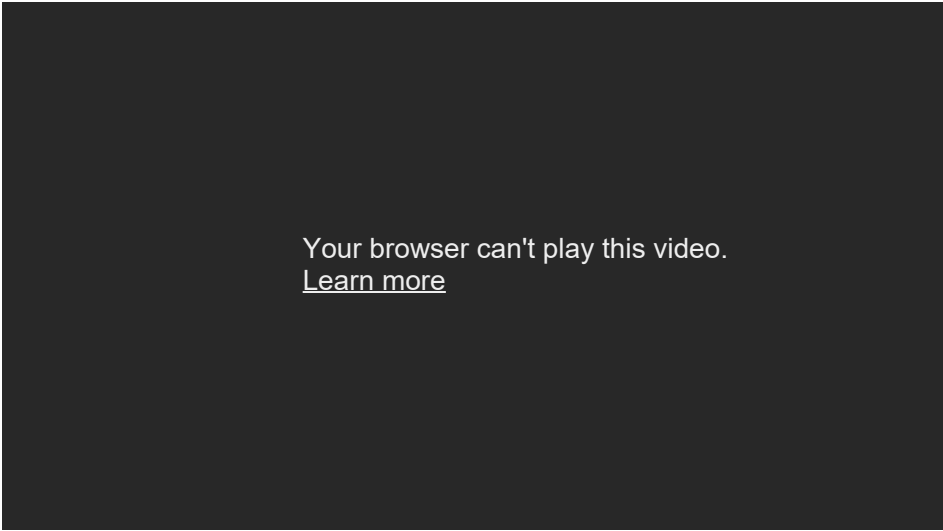
***Judges Awards:***  
**Most Financially Sustainable Solution  
& Most Impactful Story to Engage Stakeholders**

**Closed Loop**

*Closed Loop creates a more sustainable future for the aerospace industry by collecting carbon dioxide emissions to produce renewable jet fuel.*

Brett Schultz, UNH 2026 | Business Administration and Sustainability Dual Major

*Advisor:* Ian Grant, Executive Director, ECenter



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***Judges Award:***  
**Best First-Year Student Submission**

**Electric Vehicle SCOUP**

*The EV SCOUP is a reinvention of the sunshade that provides a supplementary charge to vehicles by utilizing the rays that hit it instead of reflecting them, all while keeping the vehicle cool.*

Clair Carroll, UNH 2023 | Business Administration: Management

(UNH Paul) and Cinema and Media Arts (UNHM)

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***Audience Choice Award:  
First Place***

### **CRRS biofuel**

*CRRS biofuel is a company aimed at outsourcing oyster mushrooms to produce a more sustainable transportation fuel.*

Lilah Read, UNH 2025 | Neuroscience and Behavior (COLSA)

Jelena Rutter, UNH 2024 | Wildlife and Conservation Biology

Matt Corso, UNH 2025 | Anthropology and EcoGastronomy

Jenson Scott, UNH 2023 | Business Administration: Finance and Entrepreneurial Studies

*Advisor:* Jason Plant, Sustainability Fellowship

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**Audience Choice Award:  
Fourth Place**

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