Imagineering Competition 2020

Informational Meeting with Associate Dean Rich Lally 2/6/20

Imagineering Competition has been here for 9 years! Thanks to donors for funding and the prize money.

When and Where
Presentations April 9 or 10th, Entrance forms submitted by 3/20
Ingalls Conference Room
- Dean Lally is one of the judges, three other judges

Presentation Day

- 15 minute presentation
- Can be a PowerPoint
- Demo
  - If you require large/additional setup, you can set it up in Tinker
- 5 min of questions from the judges at the end
- Feedback from the judges
- Results emailed to you later in week

Judging Criteria

- Societal engineer: make something to make society better
  - You could make something such as a cool light infinity cube which is awesome but we want it to be impactful
- The prototype doesn't have to be a beautiful package, the bottom line is that it's your project your concept.
- Awards:
  - Best in Class (Freshman, Sophomore, etc. LEAP, PhD, etc.)
  - 1st place
  - 2nd place

FAQ

- Is there a special budget for the competition?
  - No, there is no special budget. There isn't an unlimited budget but if it makes sense for your project, we may approve some funding based on the project/concept.
- Does the prototype have to be full scale?
  - No, you can include simulations, videos, etc. anything to share the concept.
- How many groups participate?
  - 10-12 groups usually, there is no limit to how many groups we can accept
- If there is no one else in your class, do you automatically win?
  - No. The judges reserve the right to not award a prize if the project is not worthy.
- Can you use a class project for the competition?
  - No. You also cannot use a project from a research lab you are working in or you had to do the project for a grade or for an obligation. We want this to be an extracurricular activity.
- Can you submit two projects?
  - No. Just pick your best project and submit that one.
- Is it possible to expedite our part orders?
  - We've revamped our ordering system recently and working out the kinks. Your orders should be approved and ordered much more quickly. But you should still order your parts ahead of time. Don't procrastinate!
- Are software projects acceptable?
  - Yes!
- If we've competed in the past and got started on a project, can we continue on that project in this year's competition if we are going to make a substantial change/improvement?
  - Ask Dean Lally specifically about your project.

Feel free to email Dean Lally with any other questions you have! Lally Rich (rlally@bu.edu)

Past Projects (see articles at website) Water purification system; Meeting app: Many more! Every year is different!