

UNC Charlotte names Five Ventures winner

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UNC Charlotte has selected Kiyatec as the winner of the annual Five Ventures entrepreneurial business competition.

Founded in 2005 by David Orr and Matthew Gevaert, Kiyatec develops and commercializes diagnostics that improve the correlation between lab-based results and clinical patient response. The company evolved from research at Clemson University's bioengineering department.

The competition, now in its sixth year, tests the business acumen of startup companies for a chance to win more than \$100,000 in cash and in-kind services, along with educational services from the university.

Durham-based Accunetix, which developed a molecular diagnostic technology for health-care applications, was the winner in this year's Five Ventures all-student category.

The three other finalists in the competition were A-Metrics, HepatoSys Inc. and SellItAtSchool, all of Charlotte.

Five Ventures was sponsored this year by UNC Charlotte's Belk College of Business, The Charlotte Research Institute, Castle & Cooke Inc. and Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice.