

Summer Company 2025 DIRECTORY





2025 Summer Company participant, Abbie Li, City of Vaughan

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Starting a business takes courage to step forward, to take a risk and to dedicate your time and energy to something you believe in. Small businesses don't have to do it on their own. We want our businesses to grow and thrive. That's why here at the City of Vaughan, the Summer Company program makes a meaningful difference.

Since 2002, this program has supported hundreds of students in building and maintaining their businesses. It gives young entrepreneurs the tools they need to start their own companies, offers hands-on coaching from local leaders and provides an opportunity to receive a provincial grant of up to \$3,000 toward startup expenses and operating costs.

Programs like this reflect our commitment at the City to support our business community and, moreover, to help young people chart their own paths, explore their passions and discover what they're capable of achieving. When we invest in youth, we're shaping the future of our city.

The mentorship, tools and connections provided through this program are invaluable, and I am confident they will lead to exciting and rewarding paths for these young entrepreneurs. I applaud them all for their drive and passion, and I look forward to watching their continued success in the years to come.

Steven Del Duca
Mayor, City of Vaughan

2025 SUMMER COMPANY RECAP

45

**student
applications
received**



14

**new
businesses
started**

16

**new summer
jobs created**



14

**students
considering
entrepreneurship**



2025 SUCCESS STORY

ADORE AND AMORE DESIGNS YALDA JAMASI



Yalda Jamasi, a biochemistry student at the University of Toronto, transformed her passion for design into a successful business through the Summer Company program. Founded in 2025, **Adore and Amore Designs** is a bespoke wedding and event stationery studio specializing in custom invitations, signage and stationery that bring timeless elegance to special occasions.

With support from the program, Yalda invested in materials, branding and enhanced customer experience, helping her business grow with confidence. Over the summer, Adore and Amore Designs generated more than **\$27,000 in revenue** and served more than **100 customers**.

"The Summer Company grant has helped ease the initial investment burden that I was anticipating paying out of pocket," said Yalda. "Another objective was to build a brand of trust and customer care, which we achieved after serving more than 100 customers this summer."

The experience strengthened Yalda's entrepreneurial skills and provided a strong foundation for future business growth.

2026 UPDATE

Since participating in Summer Company, Yalda has continued to grow **Adore and Amore Designs** into a thriving wedding and events business. What began as a stationery studio specializing in custom invitations and paper goods has evolved into a full-service provider of wedding décor, rentals and culturally tailored event services.

Over the past year, Yalda has supported more than **250 weddings and cultural celebrations**, helping clients bring their visions to life through personalized designs and event experiences. Her work has also reached an international audience, with products and designs shipped to customers in Australia, the United States, New Zealand, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark and Austria.

The business remains fully operational and continues to expand through strategic reinvestment, including the purchase of a dedicated business vehicle to support event logistics and deliveries.

Now entering the final year of her Biochemistry degree at the University of Toronto, Yalda continues to balance academics with entrepreneurship.

Yalda Jamasi
Adore & Amore Designs



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Adeola Adeoba

CROWN GOODS AND GIFTS

Crown Goods and Gifts (CGG) creates affordable, customizable gift baskets featuring general gift items and curated Nigerian products that celebrate Nigerian culture in Canada. Inspired by the Nigerian tradition of gift-giving, CGG helps customers mark special occasions with meaningful and thoughtfully assembled gifts for all ages and genders. The business aims to be a leading source for culturally inspired gift baskets that reflect appreciation, connection and community.

Adeola Adeoba is a community engagement professional with more than seven years of experience in program planning, facilitation, project management and policy development. She holds a degree in Biology and postgraduate credentials in Community Engagement, Development and Leadership. With experience in environmental regulations, life sciences and clinical research, Adeola is passionate about building connections across communities. She is currently pursuing studies in Human Resources Management and enjoys learning new languages. The name Crown Goods and Gifts reflects her heritage, as “Adeoba” means “crown” in Yoruba.



Daniel Kurtz

SENIOR PROOFING

Senior Proofing helps older adults remain safe and independent in their homes through professional home safety assessments and fall-prevention modifications. Services include installing grab bars, handrails, non-slip flooring, motion-sensor lighting, toilet risers, shower seats, door lever conversions, threshold ramps and other accessibility improvements. Inspired by a personal family experience, the business is guided by the belief that every home should be a safe place to age and focuses on helping older adults reduce risks while maintaining their independence and quality of life.

Daniel Kurtz is the founder of Senior Proofing and a student at Rotman Commerce at the University of Toronto, where he recently completed his second year. Passionate about business and entrepreneurship from a young age, Daniel launched the business after witnessing the challenges of aging at home following his grandmother's fall. Outside of his studies and business, he enjoys weight training, running and music. He has completed the Toronto Marathon and is an active drummer.



Eithan Greenman

JUNK REMOVALS PRO

Junk Removals Pro provides fast, reliable and affordable junk removal services for homeowners and businesses. The company helps customers clear unwanted items, including furniture, appliances and general waste, making it easier to reclaim and organize their spaces. Built on a commitment to excellent service and hard work, Junk Removals Pro approaches every project with professionalism and a focus on leaving each property clean and clutter-free.

Eithan Greenman is the founder of Junk Removals Pro and a Computer Science student at the University of Toronto. With a strong interest in entrepreneurship and innovation, he enjoys building businesses and developing new ideas that create value for his community. Through Junk Removals Pro, Eithan combines his entrepreneurial mindset with a dedication to customer service and reliable work. Outside of school and business, he enjoys playing guitar and pursuing creative projects.



Ethan Grin

GRIN AUTO DETAILING

Grin Auto Detailing provides professional automotive detailing services designed to help vehicle owners maintain the appearance, cleanliness and value of their vehicles. Built on precision, discipline and attention to detail, the business delivers high-quality interior and exterior detailing services tailored to each customer's needs. Grin Auto Detailing focuses on creating a positive customer experience while helping clients take pride in their vehicles through consistent, reliable and professional service.

Ethan Grin is the founder of Grin Auto Detailing and has a longstanding passion for automotive care and aesthetics. What began as detailing vehicles for friends and family to gain experience grew into a business through referrals and a reputation for quality work. Ethan brings a strong work ethic, leadership skills and commitment to excellence developed through years of competitive athletics, judo training and academic achievement. He is dedicated to growing Grin Auto Detailing while building lasting relationships with clients through professionalism, trust and attention to detail.



Hussein Rai

PRESENCE

Presence is an AI-powered app designed to help people build confidence and improve their communication skills in real-life conversations. Created in response to the growing impact of screen time and social media on interpersonal connections, the app focuses on helping users develop charisma, confidence and stronger in-person relationships. By combining technology with practical self-improvement tools, Presence aims to support meaningful communication and personal growth, particularly among younger generations.

Hussein Rai is a 17-year-old student entrepreneur, published author and the founder of Presence. Passionate about technology, storytelling and personal development, he creates projects that encourage confidence, creativity and meaningful connections. In addition to developing his app, Hussein enjoys writing, content creation and fantasy storytelling. He is driven by a strong commitment to his goals and a belief in seeing ambitious projects through to completion. Through Presence, he hopes to help people strengthen their communication skills and build lasting relationships in an increasingly digital world.



Justin Okpara

AMETECH

Ametech is a sustainable technology business that refurbishes, repairs and resells used devices at affordable prices. By restoring and upgrading previously non-functional devices, the company provides reliable, budget-friendly technology while helping to reduce electronic waste. Operating through an online storefront and social media channels, Ametech focuses on transparency, quality and customer trust, offering thoroughly tested laptops at competitive prices. The business aims to make technology more accessible for students, families and individuals seeking cost-effective computing solutions.

Justin Okpara is the founder of Ametech and a Grade 11 International Baccalaureate (IB) student, passionate about business and computer science. Combining his technical knowledge of hardware and software with an entrepreneurial mindset, he launched Ametech to provide affordable technology to those who need it most. Outside of academics and business, Justin enjoys playing soccer and table tennis, activities that have helped develop his leadership, discipline and teamwork skills. He aspires to build innovative businesses that create positive change and make a meaningful impact in his community.



Katherine Partridge

PARTRIDGEBERRYJAM

PartridgeBerryJam creates handmade clay sculptures, accessories and other artistic creations inspired by video games, television series and other fandom interests. The business offers both ready-made pieces and custom commissions, allowing customers to celebrate their favourite characters, stories and hobbies through unique, handcrafted artwork. By focusing on niche and underrepresented interests, PartridgeBerryJam helps fans find meaningful creations that reflect their personal passions and connections to the communities they love.

Katherine Partridge is the founder of PartridgeBerryJam and a fourth-year English and Cultural Studies student at McMaster University. She has worked with clay from a young age and has developed her artistic skills over years of creating handmade pieces. Inspired by her own experience searching for merchandise aligned with her niche interests, Katherine launched the business to help others discover artwork featuring their favourite characters and series. Through PartridgeBerryJam, she combines creativity, craftsmanship and a passion for fandom culture to create one-of-a-kind pieces for fellow enthusiasts.



Mehmetcan Koc

CODESAFE CANADA

CodeSafe Canada is an education technology platform that helps apprentices, students and skilled trades professionals prepare for Certificate of Qualification and licensing examinations. Designed to make trades education more accessible and effective, the platform offers practice questions, mock exams, progress tracking and AI-supported tools that reflect real-world learning methods. Originally focused on gas technician certification, CodeSafe Canada has expanded to support multiple trades and is also developing a secure lockdown browser to help schools and training institutions maintain exam integrity while providing a fair testing environment.

Mehmetcan Koc is the founder of CodeSafe Canada and a student pursuing studies in HVAC technology at Humber Polytechnic and Mechanical Engineering at Michigan State University. Drawing on his experience in the skilled trades, he created CodeSafe Canada to address the need for practical and accessible exam preparation resources. In addition to leading the company, Mehmetcan has provided HVAC equipment consulting for major commercial facilities and organizations, including properties associated with leading hotel and professional services brands. His background in trades, building systems and technology enables him to combine industry knowledge with innovation to support the next generation of skilled trades professionals.



Cat Truong

NÉT STUDIO

Nét Studio is a design studio specializing in logo design, brand identity development, visual content and strategic brand guidance for startups and small businesses. The studio creates cohesive and thoughtful visual identities through customized design solutions tailored to each client's goals and vision. From logo packages and comprehensive branding to marketing materials, Nét Studio helps businesses establish a professional and memorable presence. By offering accessible and personalized services, the studio supports entrepreneurs in transforming ideas into clear, compelling and effective brands.

Cat Truong is the founder of Nét Studio and a Graphic Design student at OCAD University. With experience in both digital and traditional design practices, she is passionate about creating meaningful visual identities that help businesses tell their stories. Her work is influenced by her Vietnamese heritage and reflects a strong focus on detail, composition and visual storytelling. Through Nét Studio, Cat continues to develop her creative practice while helping startups and small businesses build lasting connections with their audiences through effective and impactful design.



Roy Schneider

RS PRODUCTIONS

RS Productions is a media agency that creates cinematic, engaging social media content designed to help individuals and businesses grow their online presence. Specializing in video production and visual storytelling, the agency produces high-quality content tailored to modern social media platforms. By combining professional filmmaking techniques with an understanding of audience engagement and platform algorithms, RS Productions helps clients build strong personal brands and connect with their audiences through compelling, results-driven content.

Roy Schneider is the founder of RS Productions and a content creator with a passion for filmmaking, storytelling and digital media. Through building his own social media presence and growing an audience of more than 130,000 followers across platforms, he has developed valuable expertise in content strategy and audience engagement. Roy combines his creative vision with hands-on experience to produce videos that are both visually polished and effective in capturing attention online. Through RS Productions, he helps clients elevate their brands with professional content designed for today's digital landscape.



Sam Bodik

LS WINDOW CLEANING SERVICES

LS Window Cleaning Services provides professional residential window cleaning throughout Vaughan. Specializing in both interior and exterior window cleaning, the business is committed to delivering reliable, high-quality service with a strong focus on attention to detail and customer satisfaction. Built on clear communication, professionalism and trust, LS Window Cleaning Services makes it easy for homeowners to maintain clean, bright and well-presented homes. The company has grown through word-of-mouth referrals, online marketing and a consistent commitment to quality artistry.

Sam Bodik is the founder of LS Window Cleaning Services and a student entrepreneur with a strong interest in business, entrepreneurship and marketing. He launched the business to gain hands-on experience while providing a valuable service to homeowners in his community. Beyond managing day-to-day operations, Sam has developed the company's brand, built its online presence and expanded its customer base through dedication and hard work. Outside of business, he plays competitive soccer, where he has developed leadership, teamwork and discipline. These qualities guide his approach to delivering dependable and professional service to every client.



Sara Sharma

SWEET WITHOUT THE SPIKE

Sweet Without the Spike creates diabetic-friendly desserts that allow customers to enjoy sweet treats without compromising on taste. Specializing in handcrafted sugar-free cookies and baked goods, the business was founded to provide better options for people managing diabetes and for health-conscious consumers seeking lower-sugar alternatives. Focused on flavour, quality and thoughtful ingredients, Sweet Without the Spike offers desserts that are both satisfying and inclusive, helping customers enjoy their favourite treats with greater confidence and peace of mind.

Sara Sharma is the founder of Sweet Without the Spike, a high-school student entrepreneur and advocate for diabetes awareness. Inspired by her own experience living with Type 1 diabetes, she launched the business after recognizing the lack of high-quality, great-tasting sugar-free dessert options available to consumers. Through her business, Sara aims to help others feel less restricted and more included when it comes to enjoying desserts. In addition to entrepreneurship, she is passionate about leadership, community involvement and creating initiatives that make a positive impact on the lives of others.



Sehaj Johal

FINEST ELEVATE

Finest Elevate is a custom gifting and lifestyle brand specializing in personalized apparel, drinkware, gift baskets and other custom-designed products. Founded on the belief that thoughtful, personalized items make special moments more meaningful, the business helps customers celebrate milestones, express their individuality and create lasting memories. With a focus on creativity, quality and attention to detail, Finest Elevate offers unique products tailored to each customer's vision, making every gift feel personal and memorable.

Sehaj Johal is the founder of Finest Elevate, a student entrepreneur with a passion for creativity, design and business. She launched the company to transform creative ideas into meaningful products that bring people together and celebrate important moments. Inspired by modern aesthetics and the growing demand for personalized products, Sehaj is focused on building a brand that values individuality, creativity and genuine customer connections. Through Finest Elevate, she continues to develop her entrepreneurial skills while creating custom products designed with care and purpose.



Sydney Stein

THE SALMON WORKSHOP

The Salmon Workshop creates custom products featuring original digital artwork and creative designs. Specializing in items such as stickers, keychains, masks and other personalized accessories, the business brings unique artistic concepts to life through thoughtfully designed products. Focused on creativity, self-expression and originality, The Salmon Workshop offers customers distinctive pieces that showcase imaginative artwork while supporting local, independent design.

Sydney Stein is a Grade 11 student enrolled in a specialized visual arts program within the York Region District School Board. Passionate about visual art, digital illustration and design, she hopes to pursue a career as a professional artist and continue her studies at the university level. Through The Salmon Workshop, Sydney is gaining hands-on entrepreneurial experience while sharing her original artwork with the community. She is excited to connect with customers through creative products that reflect her artistic vision and inspire self-expression through art and design.

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

SUMMER COMPANY TRAINING PARTNER

Niagara University (NU), a private Catholic university, was established in 1856 in Lewiston, New York, by members of the Vincentian order. As the oldest of three Vincentian institutions in the United States, NU offers students access to highly credentialed faculty and small class sizes, preparing graduates for positions of responsibility while embodying the vision of St. Vincent DePaul's compassion toward the poor and oppressed.

In 1984, NU became the first New York institution to offer a Master of Educational Leadership program in Ontario under ministerial consent. Since then, NU has graduated a wide range of education professionals, including principals, superintendents, ministry officials and accreditation leaders. In response to Ontario's teacher shortage, NU introduced its Bachelor of Professional Studies in Education program in 2007. Accredited by the Ontario College of Teachers and offered under ministerial consent, this program has graduated more than 2,000 teachers to date.

NU consolidated its Ontario-based education programs at a single site in Vaughan in 2019. The Niagara University in Ontario offers: a Master of Science in Information Security and Digital Forensics, a Master of Business Administration, Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration, Master of Arts in Disaster/Emergency Management and National Security, Master of Science in Educational Leadership and Bachelor in Professional Studies in Education. These offerings were designed to meet the community's growing demand for advanced, specialized education.

NU's Faculty of Business Administration is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, a prestigious designation held by fewer than five per cent of business schools worldwide. This distinction reflects the faculty's dedication to teaching excellence, research in top-tier journals, strong industry partnerships and commitment to mission-driven education.

As of 2022, NU has launched a new international student strategy focused on academic excellence, career development and long-term settlement in Vaughan. Through internship opportunities and community integration, NU aims to support international students in building meaningful careers locally. The university also envisions becoming a vibrant community hub, hosting events and serving regional business and civic needs.

NU is proud to contribute to the city of Vaughan's growth and development. From hosting a pandemic speaker series to collaborating with the Vaughan Chamber of Commerce and the City of Vaughan's Economic Development department, NU actively supports local engagement and innovation. As part of this year's Summer Company program, NU is once again delivering university-level business workshops on customer relationship building, growth marketing and the fundamentals of business finance. At the end of the program, each student will receive a Certificate of Completion, recognizing their entrepreneurial growth and dedication throughout the summer.



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