

JEE Foods, a highschool student-run nonprofit, has won a competition for student entrepreneurs at the national level.

- SAGE is a global competition that brings together student entrepreneurs from around the world to put their student ventures to the test. This pitch style competition focuses on creating revenue generating companies that drive social innovation.
- The team placed first in the national competition and will advance to the Global Competition later this year.

JEE Foods is a student-run nonprofit located in the Ross and Hamilton communities. JEE Foods was formed four years ago in response to a challenge presented by the United Nations: to end hunger and poverty. From the initial meeting of the minds, our team of student social entrepreneurs has grown to make an impact in our community. For the last four years, JEE has been working to end hunger and poverty by rescuing food that would otherwise go to waste and using that food to feed those in need. To push our entrepreneurial mindset and create innovative solutions for these issues, JEE Foods participates in an annual competition called SAGE.

SAGE (Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship) is a global competition for student entrepreneurs. Founded in 2002, SAGE is more than just a competition. It provides mentorship and a roadmap for creating successful companies focused on social good. SAGE's global reach is what sets it apart. Since its inception, SAGE has brought together challengers from thirty-eight countries to compete head to head in a pitch style competition.

In order to compete, teams must create an annual report and a 13-minute presentation. The presentation focuses on key elements of the business like impact, finances, and growth. The presentation is about critical components of the company and how the company is addressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Overall, the students are challenged to view themselves as and contribute as a global citizen.

On June 6th, 2021 JEE Foods was named the winner of the SAGE USA Competition and will advance on to the Global Competition in August. There they will compete against teams of students from other countries like Vietnam, Korea, Japan, and Brazil. This competition will be held virtually, but the rigor will still be prevalent.

In 2017, JEE Foods was merely a class project. However, they quickly progressed into winning first at the National Competition in both 2018 and 2019 and becoming the Global Champions in 2018.