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**Innovate WithIN Pitch Competition regional to be in Daviess County**

MUNCIE, Indiana— The Innovate WithIN Pitch Competition will host one of its nine regional competitions on March 14 in Odon, Indiana, at WestGate Academy Conferencing & Training Center.

The top 10 high school entrepreneurs from around Daviess County, Indiana, who made it through round one of the competition, are invited to compete in front of panel of judges from their region. One team or innovator from each region will be selected to compete for the prize package worth up to \$100,000 in the state competition on April 9 at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis.

The pitch competition, sponsored by Ball State University, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) and the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), is part of the state's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative. The competition fosters entrepreneurialism across Indiana, helping the state's youth acquire skills and expertise to support long-term growth as the next generation of leaders.

Through this initiative, Indiana is working to build the nation's top environment for innovative ideas to transform into high-growth companies and industry leaders. Spearheaded by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb, this plan will strengthen an environment that enables big ideas to thrive in our state, foster talent that will fuel the ideas' growth and drive investment capital to take those ideas to the market.

For more information about the competition, visit [innovatewithin.org](http://innovatewithin.org).