

# **EXCELSIOR**



# Viacom Surprises Certified Superstar Participants

Viacom gives prizes to all participants at the last 2018 Certified Superstar

In pitches that included high-end video presentations and chocolate samplings, Matt Skallerud of Pink Banana Media, Shana Scott and Amy Scott of mOdat Productions, James Wawrezewski of Ludlow6, and Ben Conard of Five North

Chocolate educated us on their businesses, experiences, successes, and ideas of how Viacom might consider working with them. In exchange, they received critical feedback to assist them in fine-tuning and elevating their pitches. The Viacom representatives were so impressed that each participant was awarded a two-hour power lunch to continue the conversations.

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# Attend the final 2018 M3 & LGBTBE Biz Pitch Finale

## Celebrate the Holidays with nglccNY!

Come cheer on the three finalists from this year's ongoing competition at the final 2018 M3! The last M3 of the year will take place immediately after the nglccNY LGBTBE Biz Pitch finale at the EY offices and will feature networking, fun, and holiday cheer. MUST REGISTER by 5pm EST on Dec 7!

RSVP here



Meet the LGBT Biz Pitch Finalists
Watch the Final Competition on Dec. 10



level as they compete in nglccNY's upcoming Biz
Pitch sponsored by EY on December 10. Each is a finalist
from earlier competitions in 2018 and this event will allow
them to showcase their companies a final time in a safe
environment before an esteemed panel of EY judges,
implementing the feedback they received from previous
contests and competing for one of three prizes. Meet our
three finalists: Hootology, The Mitch Lippman Group, and
The Proud Path.

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# LGBTBE & Woman-Owned Spotlight: Paru Tea

## Meet LGBTBE Owner Amy Truong

LGBTBE Paru Tea Bar is a San Diego based organic tea company offering a selection of premium hand-blended teas available online and through pop-ups and community events. Founder Amy Truong started her business in May 2017 and recently certified in August 2018.

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# What 2019 Programming Will Help Your LGBT-owned Company Thrive?

## We Want to Hear From You!



## **End of Year Survey**

LGBTBEs: What do you want to see from nglccNY in 2019?

To assist us with providing programming that you find beneficial, we ask that you take just a few minutes to fill out this survey. Your thoughts and comments are extremely important to us as we strive to provide you with the best programming in 2019 and beyond. Bottom line: we want to assist you with leveraging your LGBTBE certification. The survey will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7, 2018.

Take the survey

## NGLCC Trans+ Inclusion Taskforce

#### **NGLCC** Launches New Initiative

In late October, reports emerged that the Trump Administration's Department of Health & Human Services



(HHS) is exploring a plan to narrowly define gender as sex assigned at birth. NGLCC and nglccNY refuse to let the identities of our transgender and gender non-binary friends, family, fellow entrepreneurs, and business owners be erased. In addition to joining other LGBT community organizations in denouncing this proposed change, NGLCC officially launched its NGLCC Trans+ Taskforce homepage, which provides

continued resources and support for transgender and non-binary LGBTBE owners. To get more involved, contact transinclusion@nglcc.org.

Learn more

# Upcoming Events nglcc NEWS BLOG New York

- nglccNY LGBT Biz Pitch
- December M3

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