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## Automated Material Handling Company Takes Top Prize at BullPen #24

Ant Robotics Wins Investor Award at Latest TechLaunch Pitch Competition

**W. Orange, NJ, May 25, 2022:** Another diverse group of aspiring startups vied for supremacy at last night's TechLaunch BullPen. Winning the Investor Award was [Ant Robotics](#), a company which has perfected a robotic solution for On-Demand material handling at factories and manufacturing plants.

The Investor Award is more valuable now than ever before, with the addition of [Westchester Angels](#) and [SoundBoard Venture Fund](#) to the list of area Investing Groups who provide a pitching slot to BullPen winners. From the start, [Jumpstart NJ Angel Network](#) and [Tech Council Ventures](#) were providing this much sought-after prize, to the deep appreciation of TechLaunch. The BullPen winner also receives approx. \$15,000 of in-kind services from our generous Event Partners: [Gibbons Law](#); [Withum](#); [Gearhart Law](#); and [Casabona Ventures](#).

On his Investor Award win last evening, Ant Robotics' CEO, Max Antonenko commented, "It was a big honor to be a Finalist in TechLaunch's BullPen. Every step of the competition process brought me a lot of value, from improving my deck with Mentor, Peter Kestenbaum to getting *post-mortem* feedback from the panel of judges. In fact, we've already used our new and improved pitch deck to obtain an interview with one of the top ten U.S. accelerators!"

The two other Presenters who participated in BullPen #24 were:

[PigPug Health](#) – an AI drug-free telemedicine brain-training platform for kids with ADHD and ASD.

[SyberGRC](#) – a company which helps regulated industries achieve compliance, securely and at an affordable cost, through a patent-pending technology product.

TechLaunch Founder, Mario Casabona observed, "We thoroughly appreciate the tenacity and drive it requires for aspiring startups to compete at BullPen. If this experience helps to crystallize an opportunity channel for them, I feel it's 'mission accomplished'. Congratulations to Ant Robotics and my compliments to SyberGRC and PigPug Health. Good job!"



**From Left to Right: TechLaunch Sr. Mentor & BullPen Producer Eric Korb; TL Founder/Managing Director Mario Casabona; Panelist & TL Sr. Mentor Jeff Weinstein; Panelist & TL Mentor Jonathan Hakakian; TL Sr. Mentor & BullPen Host Robin Bear; PigPug Health CEO & Founder Vitali Karpeichyk; PigPug Health Co-Founder Andrei Pliachko; SyberGRC CEO C. Shailesh; Panelist Jill Johnson; Panelist Stephanie Fowler; Ant Robotics CEO Max Antonenko**

## Our BullPen #24 Panel of Judges



Jill Johnson



Jonathan Hakakian



Stephanie Fowler



Jeff Weinstein

**Jill Johnson:** co-founder and CEO of the Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership (IFEL), based in Newark, NJ. Founded in 2002, IFEL is an independent, nonprofit organization which supports economic development through entrepreneurship.

**Jonathan Hakakian:** co-founded SoundBoard Venture Fund in 2012 with Richard Magid to build a community of experienced entrepreneurs who formally invest in early-stage companies outside the major city centers.

[Stephanie Fowler](#): a member of the Harvard Business School Angels of NY and Golden Seeds, who routinely participates in IFEL's Making Black Angels Showcases. Stephanie invests in startups in the fintech, edtech, real estate, and renewable energy sectors.

[Jeffrey Weinstein](#): an experienced executive and entrepreneur, Jeff has led a varied number of SaaS software firms through their stages of development, including: startups, turnarounds, high growth firms and publicly traded companies.

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