

2026 Winners

For the 2026 challenge, students were offered a real-world opportunity through a partnership between AICC and GIBS Grooming. The task was to design a compact, retail-ready countertop display that holds their travel-size (3.25 oz) products to be used in retail stores that cater to the beauty industry.

First Place Structure

- University of Texas Arlington
- “GIBS Tiered Tabletop Display”
- Jesus Vargas, Emily Pfefferkorn, Kathy Le

Second Place Structure

- Cal Poly
- “GIBS Gym Essentials”
- Ainsley Gavin, Grace Gunther, Aden Pierson, Tyler Fieux

Third Place Structure

- Cal Poly
- “GIBS Rebel Refuel Station”
- Ava Cheung, Shree Lankipalli, Andrew Klarich

First Place Graphics

- Cal Poly
- “One Stop Shop”
- Kiana Honma, Brandon Britt, Elle Burgos, Casey Copeland

Second Place Graphics

- Cal Poly
- “Barrel Aged Reserved”
- Robert Cadena, Jesse Resnick, Bode Popp

Third Place Graphics

- Cal Poly
- “The Showroom”
- Logan Ruby, Mira Shupe, Jordan Hopp

