

Zette Wins Harvard Alumni Startup Accelerator

The Harvard Alumni Entrepreneurs Accelerator 2023 Demo Day top prize went to Zette

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Participating in this accelerator has been such a blessing, and winning Harvard's Demo Day has been both a testament to our mission and to our company's future prospects." Yehong Zhu, founder and CEO Zette was announced as the <u>2023 Demo Day Winner of the</u> <u>Harvard Alumni Entrepreneurs Accelerator</u>, sponsored by <u>Pegasus Tech Ventures</u>, taking home the 1st place prize for its mission to democratize access to high quality news.

Now in its second cohort, the Harvard Alumni Entrepreneurs Accelerator was founded to help Harvard's entrepreneurial ecosystem grow and scale. Featuring a batch of 11 alumni companies out of hundreds of applications, the intensive accelerator provides world-class instruction for select Harvard alumni startups to expand operations and raise venture capital.

The 3-month accelerator program concluded with a Demo Day, where all participating companies pitched in front of an expert panel of judges. In winning Demo Day, Zette is invited to the Startup World Cup in San Francisco for the chance to compete for a \$1 million dollar grand prize.

"We are thrilled to be recognized amongst the best and brightest entrepreneurial minds out of Harvard," says founder and CEO Yehong Zhu. "Participating in this accelerator has been such a blessing, and winning Harvard's Demo Day has been both a testament to our mission and to our company's future prospects."

Zette launched publicly in 2023 to give readers pay-per-article access to hundreds of paywalled publications, all while sharing revenue with newsrooms. Interested readers can unlock their curiosity at <u>zette.com</u>.

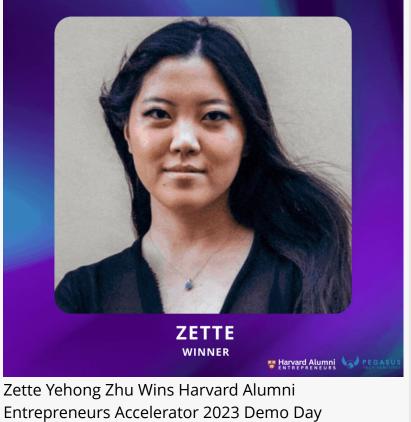
Zette is a venture-backed media startup that gives readers pay-perarticle access to paywalled publications, all while sharing revenue with newsrooms. Download the Zette browser extension to open, read and share quality journalism behind paywalls.

Zette was founded in 2020 by 26-yearold Yehong Zhu, a former Forbes journalist, Twitter product manager and Harvard philosophy graduate.

Learn more at <u>www.zette.com</u>.

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friends from across the University and throughout the world. Since our beginnings, HAE has served as a meeting place for entrepreneurial alumni, students, faculty and staff from all of Harvard's schools. For more information, please check out <u>www.harvardae.org</u>

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