Thankful for Entrepreneurship

As we head into Thanksgiving week we have a lot to be thankful for at SEAS Entrepreneurship. In the last few weeks we've wrapped up the first phase of the opioid challenge, concluding three weeks of panels, student workshops, and a final pitch given by 15 of the 21 teams competing. We also held our fall flagship event, Fast Pitch, where 34 teams comprised of a mix of undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni competing for $5000 in prizes.

With so much to be thankful for, we're also looking to finish the year strong. There's still plenty to look forward to as we wrap up the semester, with great speakers, Design Sprints, an opportunity to enter your startup in Columbia's biomedical accelerator, and registering for next semester's entrepreneurship-related courses (check out our website here for a list of them).

Keep reading for upcoming events and deadlines!

SEAS Highlights: Extreme Engineering: Ocean Technology (November 30th), and Columbia Biomedical Accelerator (Deadline for Pre-Proposals is December 1st)

If there is something specific that you'd like us to include in this newsletter, please fill out our wufoo form here. If you're interested in what's happening at the university-wide scale, check out our friends at Columbia Entrepreneurship, The Lang Center, CTV, CORE and ADI.

Our last Third Thursday with Hicham Oudghiri (CC ’06 Co-founder and CEO of Enigma)
Upcoming Events

Harlem Biospace Presents: Riverside Chat @ Columbia University
Tuesday, November 21, 2017 6 pm - 8 pm
Davis Auditorium, CEPSR

One year ago, Mayor De Blasio announced $500 million for life-science initiatives in New York City, and every year SBA administers SBIR/STTR grants in the range of hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars each. Hear first-hand and ask your questions about these exciting initiatives to government representatives from the city (NYCEDC) and federal government (SBA).

RSVP and Directions Here

(IE)@COLUMBIA Information Session
Thursday, November 30, 2017 1:00 pm
Mudd 524

IE@Columbia is a cross-University program that nurtures and leverages ideas and technologies from the Columbia University community that have true potential for successful commercial enterprise. It is an opportunity to tap into the knowledge and network of one of the world’s great universities to develop an entrepreneurial venture. Led by professors Murray Low and Clifford Schorer, at Columbia Business School, IE@Columbia will consist of sessions featuring faculty members from across the University serving as instructors, advisors, and mentors.

Extreme Engineering: Ocean Exploration & Technology
Thursday, November 30, 2017 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Davis Auditorium, CEPSR

Christine Dennison and Tim Taylor discuss their evolving use of technology in ocean exploration. Tim Taylor has spent thirty years exploring the oceans collaborating with noted geologists, marine biologists, archeologists, coral and shark scientists. He lead scientific expeditions from his research vessel, RV Tiburon, working with Mote Marine Lab, Scripts, University of Miami, NOAA, National Geographic, National Science Foundation, and the US Navy.
Christine Dennison is a native "Manhattanite" who swims with sharks, piranhas in the Amazon rain forest and dives under the Arctic polar ice caps. She leads expeditions to the most remote corners of the world and has been honored as a Fellow in the Explorers and the Royal Geographical Society of London.
For more details, visit the event page

I³ Institute-Industry-Innovation Seminar: CAPITAL ONE
Thursday, November 30, 2017 11 am
Davis Auditorium, CEPSR

“Solving Complex Problems with Design Thinking and Data Science”
Presented by Lucas Saloumi (Data Scientist), Rick Winslow (Head of Commercial Digital Innovation) and Zeina Zeitouni (Product Manager)

ABSTRACT
Capital One is a pioneer in applying both artificial intelligence and design thinking to make banking smarter, more intuitive and personal. Presenters from the Commercial Banking Digital Innovation team will show how designers and data scientists can work together on cross-functional teams to solve complex problems and build compelling new products. They will share examples of how machine learning classification and outlier detection has been applied in their business. And they will discuss the challenges faced when deploying intelligent systems at scale, all while keeping customers and business partners engaged in the process.
Upcoming Deadline

Columbia Biomedical Accelerator

Pre-Proposals are due by Fridays, December 1, 2017

The Columbia Biomedical Technology Accelerator (formerly the Columbia-Coulter Translational Research Partnership) aims to catalyze the advancement of biomedical technologies by providing funding, education, resources and mentorship to teams of clinicians, engineers and scientists working to develop solutions to clinical unmet needs, with the ultimate goal of bringing innovative research out of the lab to benefit society.

Project support is expected to serve as a bridge to commercial investment, with awards granted to perform specific tasks needed to validate a commercial hypothesis (vs. a scientific hypothesis).
For more information, contact biomedx@columbia.edu or visit the biomedx website

Opportunities to Get Involved

Lean Launchpad Teammate
The Conscious Foodies are looking for a teammate that is a current Columbia student for the Lean Launchpad Course (January 8-12, 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM) who's a business savvy foodie with strength in Scale-up Engineering/Marketing/Finance. The Conscious Foodies are a team of scientists (a fermentation chemist and a climate data scientist) that are vitalizing the culinary wasteland of non dairy probiotic yogurts with a line of nutritious and delicious chickpea yogurts.
For those interested, email km2961@columbia.edu

Mentoring

We're always looking for mentors for our most promising teams. If you would like to share advice and help an aspiring entrepreneur, please register here to be a volunteer mentor.
You will have the amazing opportunity to assist a team improve its business idea/model and increase its chances of gaining funding!

Office Hours & Sounding Board

The staff of SEAS Entrepreneurship Programs invites you to our open office hours! Email seaseship@columbia.edu to schedule. We also have an amazing group of alumni serving on our Sounding Board. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity by asking questions about anything related to entrepreneurship, especially as you prepare to enter the Columbia Venture Competition. We have many resources that we'd love to share with you!

Announcements

Congratulations to all our 2017 Fast Pitch winners. On Tuesday, November 14, Columbia Engineering Entrepreneurship held its fourth annual Fast Pitch Competition. For more information about Fast Pitch, please visit our website.
Six winning teams split $5000 in prize money, divided into three categories:

**Graduate Level**
1st place - *HelmetSmart*, Team of Malgorzata Malgosia Rejniak, Rohit Nandwate, and Wayne Kunze
2nd place - *vasAR Technologies*, Alon Grinshpoon
3rd place - *RecycleUp*, Team of David Schreiber and Michael Kraslow

**Undergraduate Level**
1st place - *MoLabs*, Meghana Noonavath
2nd place - *Vader Nano Technologies*, Trevon Gordon

**Audience Choice Award**
*MoLabs*, Meghana Noonavath

![Winning team with judges](image-url)