

Entrepreneurship and Innovation News

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Entrepreneurship Workshop: Is Your Idea Commercially Viable?

Thursday, October 11, 2018
Noon-1 p.m.
Frank and Estella Beam Hall (BEH) 124
Open to all UNLV students

Leith Martin, executive director of the Troesh Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, will share the tools you need to figure out if your idea is commercially viable and how to change it to make it more successful.

For more information , click [here](#)



National Science foundation awards \$225,000 Grant

The Troesh Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and UNLV College of Engineering earned the distinguished honor of becoming a NSF I-Corps site and were awarded a three-year, \$255,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to support site activities.

Selected teams will receive up to \$3,000, plus mentoring support for three-months.

For more information on how to sign-up for an I-CORP grant, click [here](#)

Meet RVF Board Member: Brian Garrido

Brian Garrido is one of the directors of the Rebel Venture Fund (RVF) majoring in finance with a global entrepreneurship minor.

Why Did you join RVF?As a freshman I joined RVF because I was interested in getting to know more about startup companies and how investment

decisions were made within this uniquely positioned student-ran venture capital fund. Three years later not only have I learned about the due diligence process, but I also forged lifelong friendships and a unique well-rounded perspective on life. I don't think any other opportunity would have allowed me to spend time with both graduate and undergraduate students pursuing a diverse mix of majors, from kinesiology to juris doctor candidates.

What's your goal for RVF? My goal for RVF is to sustainably grow the fund so that other students can continue having access to this opportunity long-term and so that we can keep investing in innovative startup companies.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lee Business School Seventh Annual "Contender" Challenge

UNLV Lee Business School
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Frank and Estella Beam Hall 318
Start Date: October 3, 2018

The LEE Contender Challenge is an Apprentice-like competition open to teams representing UNLV Student Organizations. Students will compete in various unique real-life business challenges allowing them to demonstrate their entrepreneurial strength by applying leadership, teamwork, management, and marketing abilities. Teams will be judged in The Boardroom on problem-solving, creativity, feasibility, thoroughness and presentation as well as on results.

For more information click [here](#)

Intellectual Property Workshop

Rob Roy's Innevation Center, powered by Switch
6795 S. Edmond Street, 3rd Floor Las Vegas
Friday, October 5, 2018, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

At this event you will learn about:

- Introduction to intellectual property (IP)
- IP considerations in early stage companies
- Business entity selection, formation and operation
- Q&A session

To register for this free event click [here](#)

Start Smart Business Startup Class: An Overview

Rob Roy's Innevation Center, powered by Switch
6795 S. Edmond Street, 3rd Floor Las Vegas
Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

This event will showcase an overview of the Start Smart business startup class for entrepreneurs and small business owners. Underneath the umbrella of the UNLV Office of Economic Development, the Nevada Small Business Development Center presents this seminar at various locations throughout Nevada to assist community members in launching their own businesses. Come learn more about this invaluable resource in your own backyard, as well as introductory lessons on business ownership topics such as:

- Marketing essentials
- Business plan/business model canvas
- Common reasons businesses fail
- Develop, read, and use financial statements
- Access to capital funding/financing for small businesses

This event is part of [UNLV Research Week](#), October 8-12, 2018.

To RSVP, click [here](#)

Las Vegas Make-A-Thon

UNLV School of Architecture
October 19-21, 2018

The Las Vegas and Boston Hubs of the Global Shapers—in partnership with the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the UNLV Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering—present the Las Vegas Make-A-Thon at the UNLV School of Architecture, bringing together art, architecture, business, design, engineering and entrepreneurship students to hack, make and create innovative solutions using programming and rapid prototyping techniques featuring arduino. All making will be done in an open and collaborative studio environment to incubate creative ideas. This year, the theme will be the future of food.

For more information and to apply click [here](#)

Volunteer for Lean Startup Conference 2018

November 14-16, 2018

Zappos Campus, Downtown Las Vegas

This is an opportunity to volunteer for the Conference Nov. 14-16 on the Zappos Campus in downtown Las Vegas.

Here's how it works: in exchange for six hours of their time at the conference, volunteers receive the following:

- The ability to watch the conference at one of the onsite livestreams on the Zappos campus in downtown Las Vegas
- Entry into all networking events included with conference registration
- Access to speaker meet-and-greets/book signings/sponsors
- A backstage look at how Lean Startup puts on an even
- Access to all conference recordings after the event

To sign-up to volunteer click [here](#)

[Troesh Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation](#) operates as an administrative unit within the UNLV Lee Business School. As a center of excellence, the Troesh Center is focused on providing opportunities for students, faculty and the community to learn about entrepreneurship.

The center manages the entrepreneurship curriculum across the university, is a hub for entrepreneurship research, supports entrepreneurial activities in southern Nevada, and offers guidance to internal and external stakeholders on obtaining angel capital.

The center also arranges for a limited number of business ideas to be presented to Lee Business School students at the beginning of each fall semester. If accepted, LEE students build investor quality business plans for the projects over the course of an academic year.

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