Building the Princeton Entrepreneurial Ecosystem

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Welcome

The Fall 2017 semester has been a busy one for the Princeton Entrepreneurship Council, as you will see reflected in this Tiger Entrepreneurs magazine.

We are proud to have completed Princeton Innovation Center Biolabs. Although the coworking space is open to all, it is our first concerted effort to better engage with Princeton faculty and graduate students. We look forward to watching the center become busy with developments that will impact the world.

Over the past year, we have made some concrete and significant efforts in alumni engagement – especially in the New York City region. Now we will start to grow our alumni engagement efforts and signature programming into other geographic regions.

The Alumni Entrepreneurs Fund has been able to support some exceptional early career entrepreneurs. It has been very exciting to watch them develop their technologies and grow their companies.

And, as evidenced by this second volume of the Tiger Entrepreneurs magazine, we continue our efforts to communicate our plans and progress. We are also on social media, and we communicate our plans and progress.

The new space is strategically designed to promote collaboration, through community-wide educational programming and networking events, and in the daily work interaction between entrepreneurs. This is the newest effort by Princeton University to promote innovation and to support and grow the regional entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The facilities are managed by Biolabs, a Cambridge-based professional lab management company.

A new facility, Princeton Innovation Center Biolabs, provides co-working space for startup companies formed by faculty, students and alumni, as well as the wider New Jersey community. Located at Princeton Forrestal Center, about three miles from campus, the space offers wet lab benches for chemical, biological and pharmaceutical development and dry lab benches for engineering development, as well as office and desk space for related ventures. Princeton Innovation Center Biolabs is equipped with a broad array of premium scientific equipment and offers additional services and amenities for resident companies.

For more information or to apply for space, please visit

princetonbiolabs.com

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Our mission is to engage the Princeton Entrepreneurial Ecosystem through educational programming, mentoring and funding in collaborative spaces.

Along with our many partners, we are creating Entrepreneurship ‘the Princeton Way’.

Visit our website: entrepreneurs.princeton.edu
October saw a large contingent of Princeton alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends at the first-ever Tiger Entrepreneurs Conference in Cambridge and Boston. By design, the conference brought together Princetonians across a spectrum of ages and industries, sparking conversations and connections that will continue to build the Princeton entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The agenda spanned a wide range of entrepreneurial activities, with prominent Princeton alumni speakers, panelists and founders from biotech, life sciences, technology, energy, social enterprises, arts, sports, investment and more.

In a corner of the LabCentral space at 700 Main Street in Cambridge (where the first night of the conference was held), is an old Acme Telephone from 1900. It is a symbol of the location’s history of innovation: in 1876, Thomas A. Watson received the first-ever two-way long distance phone call, from Alexander Graham Bell in Boston two miles away.

While it was not the actual phone used by Watson, it was an apt symbol for #TEC2017. As the telephone connected people all over the world, this conference was a major step in building and supporting entrepreneurship ‘The Princeton Way’.

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PEC Executive Director Anne-Marie Maman ’84 poses with award winners (from top) Jack Hudson ’16 and Colin Lualdi ’17, who with Evan Corden ’16 (not pictured) built SignSchool, a user-friendly online platform for learning ASL; Brooks Powell ’17, who developed consumer products based on dihydromyricetin under the name Thrive+; and Aaron Schwartz ’17, who along with Angelo Campus ’16 (not pictured), developed containerized solutions for sustainable energy production under the name BoxPower.

Unable to attend the ceremony were Steph Speirs *14 and Steve Moilanen *14, who started Solstice Initiative to put affordable solar energy in the hands of every American by deploying community solar.

Nominations for the 2018 awards are available at entrepreneurs.princeton.edu
TigerTalks in the City

brought Princeton faculty and alumni to New York City for four great evenings in 2017. Topics included Design Thinking, Breakthrough Books, Water Sustainability, and Entrepreneurship in the Life Sciences.

Our next TigerTalks in the City event is on February 22, 2018: “Bitcoin, Blockchain, ICOs, and More” featuring Princeton professor Arvind Narayanan and several Princeton alumni entrepreneurs in the blockchain space.

We are planning on adding the first TigerTalks on the Road events in 2018, so stay connected with PEC for more information.

Interested in participating in our TigerTalks and OfficeHours programs?

Contact Don Seitz ’79 at donseitz@princeton.edu

OfficeHours in the City

continues to connect NYC-based Princeton alumni mentors with students and early career alumni seeking guidance in entrepreneurship. This year we added new mentors with expertise in law, venture capital and the arts. We are now expanding to the West Coast.

Alumni Entrepreneurs Fund

AEF made investments in five new companies founded by early-career Princeton alumni in 2017, including Aquabyte, Remedy, Happy, Nucleos, and House of Future. Through seven rounds of funding, the AEF portfolio includes a wide range of industries, including artificial intelligence/machine learning, education tech, sustainable energy, fashion and more.

Interested in participating as a founder, a mentor, or an investor?

Contact AEF at aefinfo@princeton.edu

TigerTalks in the City: Entrepreneurship in the Life Sciences, November 2017. Photo by Sandy SooHoo.
Princeton University and Cisco will co-host UIDP 26, the semi-annual meeting of the University Industry Demonstration Partnership, an organization of universities and businesses dedicated to improving university-industry collaborations.

UIDP 26 will be one of an array of Princeton University events to be held on the West Coast in April, including TigerTalks on the Road.

For more information, visit cefr.princeton.edu