

PEOPLE'S UNITED CENTER FOR INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The People's United Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship supports student and faculty innovation and entrepreneurial activity at Quinnipiac. The center also connects the School of Business and the university to the broader entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region and country. Professor Fred McKinney, Carlton Highsmith Chair for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, is a sought-after media source on topics such as the economy during COVID-19, challenges to Connecticut businesses, unemployment and consumer spending.

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Speaker Series

The goal of the series was to create a vibrant, entrepreneurial, on-campus community, provide inspiration for QU entrepreneurs (faculty, staff and students) and share information to assist budding innovators in attaining their goals.

March 3

The Role of Entrepreneurship in Connecticut

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal

March 10

Philanthropy & Social Entrepreneurship

Will Ginsberg, president and CEO of The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven

March 17

Accelerators and Early Stage Entrepreneurship

Onyeka Obiocha, managing director of the Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking at Yale University

March 24

Urban Entrepreneurship

Rodney Sampson, executive chairman and CEO of the Opportunity Hub

April 1

Pharmaceutical and IT

George Llado, chief information officer of Alexion Pharmaceuticals

April 8

Entrepreneurial Support and Chambers of Commerce

Garrett Sheehan, president and CEO of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce

April 15

Health Care & Entrepreneurship

Mary Howard, executive director of ABCT, and Donna Lecky, co-founder and managing director of iHaven and HealthVenture

People's United Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Pitch Competition

April 21

Students from across the university pitched innovative business concepts to a panel of guest judges and walked away with a total of \$6,000 in prizes. Winners include: MSK Curbsider, a web application aimed at helping emergency room physicians treat patients with musculoskeletal complaints (Samuel Oduwole, Miguel Arasa, Pranav Warman and Greg Pereira); SEAAV Athletics, a sustainable athletic clothing line made from recycled plastic waste from the ocean (Mckenna Haz); and Springtide, an organic seaweed farm in Maine (Isaac Burtis). Guest judges included Michael Harris, NHIC director; Anthony Price, founder of Loot Scout and Michael Casparino, retail president, CT for People's United Bank.

Thursday, October 21 at 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Planning for next year, the People's United Centers will participate in the Women Entrepreneurship Week #WEW; October 18-22, 2021. This special event will include a panel discussion with the People's United Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Pitch Competition semifinalists. It will be moderated by Patrice Luoma, PUCIE director and professor.

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