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To: COE - Students, Faculty, Staff

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Dear colleagues,

This is to highlight news and opportunities at the Center for Entrepreneurship for April.

Distinguished Innovator Seminar Talks: This is the place to be for all entrepreneurs! Phil Power from The Center for Michigan, Richard Auhll from Circon and Joshua Pokempner from [Giddy Up!](http://www.giddyup.com) (who will be announcing a toy competition) are our upcoming speakers. Check out previous talks at <http://cfe.engin.umich.edu/>

“Building an Entrepreneurial Community: Lessons from Boulder, CO” Jason Mendelson, co-founder and Managing Director of Foundry Group, a Boulder-based venture capital firm that invests in early-stage information technology companies, will be here to speak at the new Blau Auditorium in U-M's Ross Business School on Wednesday April 1, at 7 p.m. hosted by David Brophy, Director of U-M's Center for Venture Capital and Private Equity Finance.

In the past 15 years, Boulder has gone from a little hippie college town to a little hippie college town also boasting an impressive and growing congregation of Internet entrepreneurs, early-stage venture capitalists, and bloggers. How did Boulder pull this off? And what can other cities, policymakers, and entrepreneurs who want to boost their own start-up quotient—and overall competitiveness at a local level—learn from Boulder's success?

<http://www.american.com/archive/2008/september-october-magazine/start-up-town>;
<http://www.meetup.com/a2newtech/calendar/10042423/>

Supporting Ann Arbor's tech community: <http://a2geeks.org> Dream It, Build It, Skate It: <http://a2skatepark.org>

Speed Dating Goes Entrepreneurial! Student entrepreneur companies who are actively engaged in business are encouraged to come and meet CFE mentors on Friday, April 10 in 1180 Duderstadt from 2-4 p.m. If your company is looking for the right mentor to assist you in growing your company, answering questions, and assisting you with future plans, you can find the right person at this event. Mentors will be from IP to VC to serial entrepreneurs and others.

TechNow09 is more than your average business event - on April 23, the local community will come together to support and celebrate new Michigan-based technology businesses in a fun, informative and engaging environment.

TechNow09 is a showcase of future and current Michigan business leaders who are paving the way for a brighter future by innovating in their fields, creating jobs and leading the transition of Michigan into a knowledge economy. Five Michigan-based technology companies will conduct a 5-10 minute overview focused on how they are utilizing technology and information to win in the 21st century.

Tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 on line at <http://www.technow09.com> for Thursday, April 23, Royal Oak Music Theater, 318 West 4th St., Royal Oak, MI 48067. Doors open at 6 p.m., presentations begin at 7 p.m.

NCIIA E-Team Grants: United States-based universities and colleges are eligible to apply NCIIA provides support for E-Teams (collaborating groups of college students, faculty and industry mentors) to bring innovative technology products and services from idea to prototype, and eventually to market. Successful E-Team grant proposals demonstrate an idea's technical feasibility, social value, and a strong potential for commercialization. E-Teams have launched over 45 ventures, manufacturing and selling products in many industries: wireless technology, medical devices, alternative energy, construction, safety and transport. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$20,000, and from 12 to 18 months. Deadline for applications: Friday, May 8 and Friday, December 4. See <http://www.nciia.org/grants/eteam> for details.

Summer@Highland 2009 Are you a student entrepreneur with a business startup that you'd like to grow to the next level this summer? If so, the Summer@Highland 2009 program may be just what you need.

In its third year, Summer@Highland is designed to provide selected student entrepreneurs with the environment and resources for advancing their startup initiative/company to the next level. Participating entrepreneurs/teams will receive a financial stipend and complimentary work space in either our Lexington, Massachusetts or Menlo Park, California office. The teams will have access to Highland investment professionals along with further resources for injecting real-world advice, insight and perspectives into the entrepreneurial and company-building process. Full details on this year's program and an application form can be at www.hcp.com/summer.

Ann Arbor SPARK Boot Camp: The next scheduled Entrepreneur Boot Camp will be held at the MITC Building, 1000 Oakbrook Drive, Ann Arbor on April 23 and 24. The Boot Camp Program compresses the usual three-month learning curve to move a great business to the next level with two intensive days of learning. Boot Camp is limited to twelve entrepreneurial ventures; each with a two-person team. The total cost to attend the two day Boot Camp with instruction, food, books and materials, is \$995 per team.

For more information about the Boot Camp application process contact Lori@AnnArborUSA.org or go to: <http://www.annarborspark.org/start-ups/boot-camp>

Interested in a summer internship? Check out the opportunities at: Center for Entrepreneurship :: Summer Opportunities

The Doors of Entrepreneurship for Postdocs are Open

Online application for Kauffman Foundation's Entrepreneur Postdoctoral Fellowship now available

Postdoctoral researchers bring new discoveries to the world, and the Kauffman Foundation is opening a door for them to do so through entrepreneurship. The Kauffman Entrepreneur Postdoctoral Fellows program provides a unique opportunity for postdocs in science and technology fields to launch their innovative research from the lab to the marketplace. Interested applicants can now apply online at www.kauffman.org/postdocs.

Twelve selected individuals at U.S. institutions will be mentored by leading science entrepreneurs, along with legal, business, and financial experts, with the ultimate goal to develop their own startup companies.

Learn more from doctoral entrepreneurs. See "Considering Entrepreneurship" video at: <http://www.kauffman.org/entrepreneurship/entrepreneur-postdoctoral-fellows-program.aspx>

The application deadline for the 2009-2010 Fellowship is May 1, 2009. Applicants' Academic Advisor submissions must be received by May 15, 2009. A diverse pool of candidates is welcomed and encouraged. For more information, contact us at postdocs@kauffman.org

Feel The Music Competition: Professors Greg Wakefield and Jason Corey are still urging students and faculty to submit their ideas to develop an innovation to assist people with hearing disabilities “feel the music.”

Deadlines are:

April 10th: deadline for final project submission

Underwritten by the University of Michigan Center for Entrepreneurship, Arts on Earth, and the U-M Music School and taken to students by MPowered Entrepreneurship, prizes up to \$10,000 will be made available to students who succeed in applying new wireless technologies in enabling deaf and hard of hearing individuals to “feel” music in a live concert setting. www.feelthemusiccompetition.com.

MPowered Entrepreneurship: MPowered is a student organization focused on students interested in entrepreneurship. The organization offers a great variety of programs and activities. The CFE is proud to partner with MPowered on a variety of programs. Check them out at www.umich.edu/~mpowered.

Office Hours and Mentors: Sign up for office hours if you want feedback, help with your projects and ideas or legal advice. Specialists are available for entrepreneurs at all stages. Sign up at cfe.engin.umich.edu/mentors or mpowered.studentorgs.umich.edu/ for students.

Visit the Center for Entrepreneurship office at 251 Chrysler Center, only a few feet from the new fireplace, right next to the International Center!

The CFE Crew (centerforentrepreneurship@umich.edu)

The Center for Entrepreneurship exists to empower students, faculty and staff at the University of Michigan to pursue entrepreneurial achievements that improve people’s lives and drive the economies of Michigan, the nation and the world.



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