

West Michigan Science & Technology Initiative



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The West Michigan Science & Technology Initiative Thanks Outstanding Network of Entrepreneurs

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 5, 2010 – On Tuesday, March 30th, The Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour rocked Grand Rapids. Over 300 students attended the powerful half day workshop held at DeVos Place. The Initiative called on successful entrepreneurs to add value to The Tour. Nearly 30 entrepreneur volunteers answered the call. They shared their passion and insight while working directly with students.

The Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour, which partners with the respected Kauffman Foundation, is widely recognized as a premier entrepreneurial workshop for young people. The tour is comprised of many of America's top young entrepreneurs who've made, earned, or sold a company for millions before the age of 30! The Tour's vision is that all of America's college students graduate with entrepreneurial mindsets.

The Initiative would like to thank everyone who played a part in making The Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour a success. Area entrepreneurs and Resource Alleyway members (a collection of organizations that provide resources for burgeoning entrepreneurs) helped students connect with local tools to turn their entrepreneurial dreams into attainable action plans.

Thanks to the sponsors of West Michigan's leg of The Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour: The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Grand Valley State University's Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation and The Collegiate Entrepreneurs Network. The Initiative is proud to be connected to so many generous individuals and groups who help make this community such a great place to get down to business!

Interested in volunteering at a future entrepreneurial workshop? Please contact Ryan Vaughn at Grand Valley State University's Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation at 616-331-7257.

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The West Michigan Science & Technology Initiative assists in the advancement of the commercialization of innovative ideas and products. The Initiative develops collaborations to support high-tech, high-growth businesses. The Initiative provides connections that bring together people to spark entrepreneurial opportunities.

The Initiative offers entrepreneurial support services, guidance with ideation and launch conceptualization, medical device/life science/technology incubator space, and access to funding, from seed grants to A-round investment.

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