



CENTER FOR INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

## Rowan's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem At-A-Glance

Greetings and welcome to the Rowan Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (RCIE) newsletter. This effort is intended to inform you about upcoming events, programs, and funding opportunities taking place across Rowan's growing entrepreneurial ecosystem as well as to update you on how past events went. I hope you will engage with us via our new online community [StartupTree](#). Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events.

Best,  
Dr. Eric Liguori  
Executive Director and Rohrer Chair of Entrepreneurship  
Rowan Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Summer 2018 Accelerator Program to Provide Up to \$20,000 in Student Seed Funding

Applications are now being accepted for the RCIE Summer Accelerator Program. Select ventures will receive mentorship, in-kind support, and seed funding to help take their ventures to the next level. Learn more and/or [apply here](#).



#### Entrepreneurship Majors and Minors Graduation Dinner

Graduating Entrepreneurship Majors and Minors will gather for a special dinner with faculty on May 3rd. The entrepreneurship faculty have hosted this dinner for years. Graduates will recap their time at Rowan, get words of wisdom as they transition into the next phase of their lives, and celebrate.



#### Entrepreneurship Majors and Minors Graduation Dinner

Studio 231 is Rowan's first Makerspace, free for all students, staff, and faculty to come and

prototype. Stop in from 12-5pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



## 2nd Annual Masterminds Summit

The 2nd Annual Entrepreneurial Masterminds Summit will be held September 13-14, 2018 at the RCIE.

The summit is a small gathering of entrepreneurship thought leaders with a simple yet powerful goal: to collaboratively explore cutting-edge trends in entrepreneurship education practice and scholarship aimed at helping push the field forward.

[Register](#) now!



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## E-NEWS TO KEEP YOU IN THE KNOW

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### Rohrer New Venture Competition Winners Announced!

Congratulations to Kayvon Jahanbakhsh and Michael Lombardo of Topos Teas for taking 1st Place in the 11th Annual Rohrer New Venture Competition. Judges Linda Rohrer, Phone Malone, Todd Buck, and Chris Greco noted the 2018 finalists presentations were "the best in the competition's history!"



### Rohrer New Venture Competition Recap Video

Since its inception, the Rohrer New Venture Competition has awarded over \$120,000 to students and student teams launching their business ideas into reality. Click [here](#) to see where our past competitors are today.



### CMI Compass Founder and CEO Shares His Story for the First Time

Stan Woodland, Founder and CEO of CMI Compass, spoke to a group of 40 Rowan entrepreneurship students earlier this month. Woodland shared his story for the first time, noting how his entrepreneurial journey began with a shoeshine kit. He encouraged students to work hard, follow their passions, and take care of their employees.



### Senior Antonia Nuzzolo to receive

## Ross Medallion Award

Senior Entrepreneurship major Antonia Nuzzolo is the inaugural recipient of the Linda Ross Medallion Award for Entrepreneurial Engagement. Dr. Ross retired in January 2018 after 43 years of distinguished service to the university. Ross noted "I am truly honored and humbled by the creation of this medallion award in my name, and I can think of no student better fit to be the inaugural recipient than Antonia. She's one of our best!"



## RCIE Advisory Council Member Jeanne Gray Honored

Congratulations Jeanne Gray, NJBIZ 2018 Best 50 Women In Business Awardee. Jeanne's a serial entrepreneur in the process of scaling her third venture nationally. Connect with Jeanne and other RCIE Advisory Council Members via [StartupTree](#).



## Studio 231 on Cover of Rowan Magazine

Students from RCIE's Studio 231 were featured on the Spring 2018 cover of Rowan Magazine.

Students from left standing: Melvin Sheppard, Destiny Carter-Davis, Antonia Nuzzolo. Seated: Pete Genovese, Jenna Dickinson, Alex Wollman.

To access this edition of Rowan Magazine, click [here](#).



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For more information of any of Rowan's student entrepreneurship programs or to learn how you can support entrepreneurship at Rowan please contact Dr. Eric Liguori ([liguori@rowan.edu](mailto:liguori@rowan.edu)), Executive Director, Rowan Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

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