



Startup Weekend Business Bootcamp @ UNK January 25-27, 2018 • University of Nebraska at Kearney

This is a weekend-long learn-by-doing workshop that teaches entrepreneurial skills to UNK students and area entrepreneurs in an extreme hands-on environment. Day 1: A facilitator leads the group through dedicated brainstorming, preliminary pitches/feedback, and team selection modules. Day 2: Teams talk to potential customers accompanied by structured mentorship, intermediate pitches and feedback sessions. Day 3: Continued execution (including pitch workshops) leading into final pitches/demos to an esteemed panel of business mentors and investors. The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students of all years, majors and experience levels as well as working and entrepreneurial professionals. You do not need to be a UNK student to participate. Application deadline: TBD

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More information at: unk.edu/g4l



Adulting 101 February 27, 2019 • University of Nebraska at Kearney

The University of Nebraska at Kearney's Enactus organization recognized the need to provide high school students with post-graduation preparation that may not otherwise be available to them. Adulting 101 is an event that was created to bring high school juniors and seniors from area rural schools together to learn about various topics that they will face as they leave high school.

Topics that will be covered include things the college students wish they would have known more about when they graduated, and things like taxes, insurance, loan applications, renting, budgeting, and investing. Enactus has teamed up with the First Year organization on campus and other business professionals within the university and the city of Kearney to guide the sessions. At the conclusion of the day, students are given the opportunity to submit resumes for critiquing and participate in mock interviews.

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University of Nebraska-Lincoln New Venture Competition April 3-4, 2019 • University of Nebraska at Lincoln Student Union

Open to all UNL students, including MBA students, this two-day event showcases student-created ventures in a series of competitive presentation rounds, culminating in a final face-off between the top four teams. Two \$25,000 grand prizes, along with additional cash prizes, are awarded during a networking and awards reception. Open to the public.

Contact entrepreneurship@unl.edu for more information.

For information about entrepreneurship education resources, curricula, activities and conferences contact:

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2018-2019 Entrepreneurship Events, Competitions, and Conferences in Nebraska



Perk up Thursday Weekly Coffees Every Thursday at 10AM • Southeast Community College Entrepreneurship Center, 285 South 68th St. Place, Lincoln, NE

These coffees include a brief presentation by area entrepreneurs followed by Q&A with that day's speaker, refreshments, and relaxed networking. If you'd be interested in speaking at a coffee, sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45afaf2ba6ff2-weekly>. Speakers include a variety of entrepreneurs, potential entrepreneurs, and service providers of all ages. Email if you'd like to be added to the coffee mailing list.

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More information at: www.southeast.edu/entrepreneurship



Verizon Innovative Learning STEM Camps June 11-29, 2018 • Columbus CCC Campus, Hastings CCC Campus

Central Community College (CCC) is excited to join Verizon's mission of bringing next-gen technology and innovative curricula to middle schools girls as partners under Verizon Innovative Learning, the education initiative of the Verizon Foundation. Through this program, CCC will join 15 other community colleges across the country in teaching young girls in middle school skills like coding, 3D printing, augmented and virtual reality and entrepreneurship through on-campus summer intensive courses, as well as monthly engagements during the school year.

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BIZ KIDZ Camp June 11-14, 2018 • University of Nebraska at Kearney

Turn your passion into a real life business this summer! The UNK Center for Entrepreneurship and Rural Development is offering a special entrepreneur class for youth ages 10-14. This day camp aims to equip youth with the knowledge and skills to start their own business or improve an existing one! Utilizing UNL's 4-H Entrepreneurship Investigation (ESI) Camp Guide, you can capture your energy to create and run your own business. Participants will create their business and have the opportunity to sell their goods at a public venue.

More information at: unk.edu/bizkidz



The Lemonade Stand June 18, 2018 • University of Nebraska at Kearney

The Lemonade Stand program is a free, interactive program that teaches business basics to students who will be entering into the 4th and 5th grade. Students learn about counting change, creating promotional marketing, giving to charity, food safety, customer service and making a profit. Participating students are invited to set up their lemonade stand on June 21st during the Night Market in downtown Kearney!

More information at: unk.edu/lemonadestand



ESI: Camps (Entrepreneur\$hip Investigation)

Albion: July 19-20, 23-24, 2018, Central City: July 9-12, 2018, Seward: July 12-17, 2018

ESI Camps provide middle school youth with training in entrepreneurial skills necessary in starting a business venture. Students who exhibit self-confidence, creativity, risk-taking, energy and determination are the target audience. Camp ages and costs vary site to site.

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Tri-City Area Economic Forum

September 21, 2018 • The Lark in Hastings

The Tri-City Area Economic Forum brings together local experts from the public, private, and academic sectors to report on the state of the Tri-City economy. This forum represents a cooperative effort between UNK and local businesses to provide timely, accurate and objective economic data to guide local businesses while boosting economic development.

More information at: unk.edu/economicforum



13th Annual New Venture Adventure Day

October 25, 2018 • University of Nebraska at Kearney

The University of Nebraska at Kearney's Enactus organization will be hosting the thirteenth annual New Venture Adventure day for Nebraska high school students on Thursday, October 4th, 2018 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus. New Venture Adventure is a day for high school students to learn of both the hard work and excitement of becoming an entrepreneur. Groups, made up of a random mixture of students from various schools, have the opportunity to create a hypothetical retail, service, or manufacturing business of their choice. UNK college students will be with each group to help guide them. At the end of the day, they will present their business concept to a panel of judges, answer questions, and receive feedback from them.

More information at: unk.edu/nva



High School EiA (Entrepreneurs-in-Action)

October 2018-April 2019 • CCC Entrepreneurship Center, 1415 17th St.,

Entrepreneurs-in-Action is a program for high school students in the counties of Platte, Polk, Colfax, Butler, Boone, Nance and Merrick. Students have the opportunity to explore and develop a micro-enterprise business under the guidance of Central Community College faculty. The students meet one Saturday a month at the Entrepreneurship Center in Columbus and once a month with the faculty advisor at their high school. The students receive three college credits upon completion of the program.

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Big Idea Kearney

November 7, 2018 • Downtown Kearney

This event is open to anyone 10 years or older with a new business idea. Four categories will be offered: Middle school, High School, Adult – College and Adult Community. A 2-minute video of your idea "pitch" must be submitted by Wednesday, October 17, 2018. All videos submitted by the deadline will be evaluated by local entrepreneurs and business experts. The top ideas will be asked to participate in a public event the evening of November 7, 2018 in downtown Kearney. It's easy, it's free and it's a great learning experience. All ages are welcome! Judges will run a short Q & A session. Prizes will be awarded: \$1,000 1st prize, \$500 2nd prize and \$250 3rd prize and more.

More information at: www.unk.edu/bigideakearney



The Innovation Challenge

October 18 and 22, 2018 • University of Nebraska at Lincoln College of Business

Co-sponsored by the Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship and the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization, the Innovation Challenge requires student teams to work on a specific, non-technical task or problem (a secret until the event), over the course of a weekend. Teams return to present their solutions to a panel of judges to win prizes and trophies. Pizza is provided on Challenge night. This event is free, and open to all UNL students.

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Entrepreneurship Best Practices Summit

October 30, 2018 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • Holthus Convention Center, York, NE

The Summit provides a nexus for educators (K-12, 2- and 4-year postsecondary), economic and community developers, policy makers, and thought leaders to add to their knowledge and resources arsenals. It's all about sharing what's working, discussing challenges, and coming up with solutions that fit local needs to build strong and vital economies by creating powerful entrepreneurial ecosystems in your communities and across the state. Participants are encouraged to "think big" about how to engage their entire community in partnerships for workforce and economic development through entrepreneurship and to grow their talent pipeline of entrepreneurs. \$50 early registration opens September 15, 2018.

More information at: www.eshipbestpracticessummit.com



3-2-1 Quick Pitch Entrepreneurship Awards Reception

November TBD, 2018 • Skyboxes, West Club Level, Memorial Stadium, Lincoln, NE

This annual event, open to students from two-year and four-year college programs, as well as high schools, requires participants to deliver three-minute elevator pitches to panels of expert judges, similar to the television show Shark Tank. Multiple winners share \$7,000 in prize money. The pitch event is followed by a reception honoring some of the individuals and companies who have contributed to entrepreneurial activities and learning at Nebraska and beyond. The event is free and open to the public.

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Hormel Entrepreneurship Competition

Applications Deadline: November 30, 2018

If you have a business idea or a plan to expand your current business, McCook Community College will once again host the Hormel Entrepreneurship Competition. One of the best ways to keep southwest Nebraska economically sustainable is to help support and develop the people and businesses we already have. A generous donation from the Hormel family and many area sponsors support this event. Multiple contestants will be awarded with up to \$25,000 in business grants to develop your business idea or expand on your current business. Assistance will also be provided in writing your business plan, money to help you develop your business, and professionals providing expertise in areas you may need assistance. Applications to enter the competition are due November 30th at 5:00 p.m.

More information at: www.mpcc.edu/community/hormel-entrepreneurship-competition



The Start Something 48-Hour Challenge

January 25-27, 2019 • University of Nebraska at Lincoln College of Business

This learning-by-doing workshop teaches entrepreneurial skills in an extreme hands-on setting, including advice and mentorship from local entrepreneurs and investors. Students from a wide range of backgrounds form teams and work together to develop the most promising product and service ideas. The event culminates in the presentation of business idea projects to the crowd and to community judges. Students from all colleges and majors at UNL are welcome. The event is free of charge and all meals are provided.

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