Speaker Series

The People’s United Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship announces its annual Speaker Series, which kicks off on February 4, 2020. The series features corporate innovators, entrepreneurs, Quinnipiac University alumni, public and private sector support organizations and experts who focus on financing entrepreneurial startups.

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

All sessions will run on Wednesdays from noon–1 p.m. at the People's United Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship classroom in the School of Business (SB-109), unless otherwise noted. Lunch will be served. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, visit qu.edu/innovation or contact Fred McKinney, PhD, Carlton Highsmith Chair of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, at 203-582-7832 or frederick.mckinney@qu.edu.

Schedule of Events

Feb. 4

Susan Bysiewicz
Lieutenant Governor
State of Connecticut

Special Location:
North Haven Campus (MNH-101)

Feb. 12

Michael Reynolds
Vice President of Ideation & Innovation Strategy
Stanley Black & Decker

Feb. 19

David Lehman
Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development

Feb. 26

Caroline Smith and Margaret Lee
Founders
Collab
March 4

Jeff Tengel
President
People’s United Bank
Special time: 3 p.m.

March 18

Will Ginsberg
President and Chief Executive Officer
Community Foundation for Greater New Haven

March 25

Blair Decker
Vice President, Supply Chain, Materials and Strategic Sourcing
General Dynamics/Electric Boat

April 1

Garrett Sheehan
President and Chief Executive Officer
Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce

April 8: Special Event | Start time: 10 a.m.
QU Entrepreneurship Capital Summit
Participating Presenting Companies

Special Location:
Rocky Top Student Center (RTSC-316)
York Hill Campus

Rodney Sampson
Founder, Opportunity Hub
Steve Grossman
President and CEO, Initiative for a Competitive Inner City
Robert Greene
President and CEO, National Association of Investment Companies

April 15

George Llado
Chief Information Officer
Alexion Pharmaceuticals

April 22

Onyeka Obiocha
Managing Director
Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking at Yale
Yale University

April 29

Mary Howard
Executive Director
ABCT

Donna Lecky
Co-Founder and Managing Director
iHaven and HealthVenture
Mission

The People’s United Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship strives to support the determination and goals of students and entrepreneurs at Quinnipiac. It is the ideal creative space to dream up, research and turn great ideas into viable business solutions with the potential to go to market.

What we do

Businessman, philanthropist and Quinnipiac trustee Carlton Highsmith believes that the great equalizer in American society consists of equal parts education, innovation and entrepreneurship. Thanks to the support of Quinnipiac’s nationally recognized School of Business and our partnership with People’s United Bank, we are able to fully realize that vision.

The People’s United Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship is a versatile and collaborative incubator for students, staff and faculty across Quinnipiac’s eight schools and the College of Arts and Sciences to pursue their original entrepreneurial ventures. The center taps into the expertise and advanced research capabilities of experienced business professionals. It provides advisory services and workshops in legal, finance, research, marketing, design, business plan development and start-up mentoring, as well as access to business capital. It also incentivizes students to participate in an annual pitch competition to test their ideas.

Our team consists of faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, alumni mentors and other friends of the university. Each of us shares both the entrepreneurial spirit and a commitment to making the center the ideal space for tackling each phase in the lifecycle of an idea, from brainstorming to meeting potential investors.