



ANNUAL REPORT

2016-17

Do good. Do well.

Cultivating skills for Entrepreneurship
and Innovation in Chicago

ABOUT US



MISSION

The Coleman Entrepreneurship Center empowers students, alumni and our community members to build sustainable businesses that do good and do well in Chicago. We are the hub to connect, advise and inspire entrepreneurship and innovation in creating businesses with purpose and passion. Our experiential programs, vibrant ecosystem and academic curriculum cultivate a foundation for entrepreneurial success for our entire DePaul community.

GOALS AND VALUES

2017-18

- 1** The CEC empowers students, alumni, and our community to develop businesses that are focused on a purpose and a cause beyond making money. By focusing on doing good, students and alumni develop a sustainable business models which will do well for all stakeholders.
- 2** The CEC believes entrepreneurship skills must be learned by all DePaul students/alumni in all colleges. We want all our students/alumni to have experience in entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity, regardless of what organization they start or work for in their career.

- 3** The CEC builds upon our academic excellence at DePaul to provide a vibrant experiential component to learning entrepreneurship and helping our students/alumni in starting or enhancing their businesses, creating jobs and having a positive impact in our community.
- 4** The CEC and DePaul are focused on our Chicago heritage and look to connect students, alumni, faculty and mentors to the strong entrepreneurial ecosystem in Chicago to build innovative businesses and create jobs.

BY THE NUMBERS



FROM THE DEAN



MISTY JOHANSON

Interim Dean
Driehaus College of Business

One of the strengths of a DePaul business education is our college's synergistic relationship with the business community. The Coleman Entrepreneurship Center is a catalyst for forging these connections.

The CEC opened new space in the DePaul Center last year that provides a dedicated hub for entrepreneurial programs and activity that serve DePaul students, faculty and alumni and entrepreneur guests. Under Bruce Leech's leadership, the center also spearheaded DePaul's membership in 1871, Chicago's premier technology incubator, last summer. Since then faculty and students from across the university have used DePaul's 1871 office as a base to mingle with business thought leaders and participate in programming that connects them to the city's entrepreneurial ecosystem. At 1871, our students have attended symposia led by prominent entrepreneurs, collaborated to develop start-up ideas during the annual Campus 1871 Weekend, and competed in a Purpose Pitch competition that challenged them to create purpose-driven ventures.

The CEC expanded our entrepreneurial reach even further this summer by teaming with the School of Music and the College of Computing and Digital Media to join 2112. DePaul is the first university member of 2112, a two-year-old Northwest Side incubator for entrepreneurs in music, film and creative technology.

In seeking alliances that strengthen our programs, the CEC is looking not only in the community but also within DePaul. Toward that goal, the leadership of the CEC and the college's Center for Innovation (CI) agreed this summer to merge CI's programming into the CEC. The move makes strategic sense because the boundaries between entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation have blurred in recent years. Integrating CI's most successful initiatives into the CEC creates synergies that will boost engagement among the ideation and entrepreneurship communities.

I look forward to seeing these collaborations flourish in the coming year, connecting our students to real-world skills and experiences that prepare them to become the entrepreneurial leaders of tomorrow.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



BRUCE LEECH

Executive Director
Coleman Entrepreneurship Center

Greetings. It is indeed my pleasure to be writing my first column in the CEC Annual Report as the Executive Director of the CEC at DePaul. Having spent over 12 years on the CEC Advisory Board, I am thrilled to be able to lead the CEC in its daily entrepreneurial activities. Working closely with our academic entrepreneurship programs at DePaul, we provide the experiential component of entrepreneurship. Our overall mission at the CEC is to help students, alumni and our community develop businesses with a positive impact that do good and do well in Chicago. We also believe that entrepreneurship and innovation are applicable across all Colleges at DePaul, as this skillset is critical no matter what business or career you pursue.

This past year was both challenging and exciting as we launched several programs in our new Center. We hosted over 42 workshops and events this year with over 2,200 participants. Our Spring business plan competition, The Purpose Pitch, was attended by over 250 people and we awarded \$25,000 based upon a compelling purpose for the business. We expanded our startup internship program this past summer and placed 20 DePaul students with startup companies to further develop their entrepreneurial skills. We kicked off our new CEC Mentors program with over 40 mentors and 35 students/alumni getting ongoing support and guidance for starting their businesses. In addition, we started to implement our marketing program to communicate all our activities and had over 130,000 media impressions for the CEC and our community activities.

Looking ahead, we plan to expand many of these programs, including our new Women in Entrepreneurship program. We will strengthen our relationships with our outside partners like 1871 and 2112. We also look forward to hosting our national entrepreneurship conference GCEC in 2018 with IIT, as over 300 universities will be coming to Chicago to participate. We hope you will all be able to join us in many of our activities in the coming year and appreciate all your support of DePaul and the CEC. We look forward to being the hub to connect, inspire and empower entrepreneurs and innovators in our DePaul community across Chicago.

EVENTS

40
Events

2,000
Participants

The Coleman Center held more than 40 events over the course of the 2016-17 academic year, featuring entrepreneurial guests who came to share their startup wisdom in seminars, workshops, presentations and other forums. With more than 2,000 total participants, these diverse programs inspired students to explore entrepreneurship as a career, helped them hone their entrepreneurial skills, offered experiential learning, connected them with successful alumni and introduced them to Chicago's vibrant ecosystem.

STARTUP ADVISING WORKSHOPS

To introduce students from across the university to the world of new venture creation, the Coleman Center held Startup Advising Workshops several times each quarter over the 2016-17 academic year. **These workshops are designed to help students and alumni in starting their business.** Topics include legal and accounting basics, sales/marketing, funding, social media, business plans and other startup 101 basics. Each workshop focuses on addressing initial startup questions, and connecting students to resources they need to launch a business. The workshops gave participants a first-hand look at an important facet of the startup experience.



Events and Speakers

Startup 101
Bruce Leech

Legal Basics
Cliff Helm

Pitching and Public Speaking
Levi Baer

Funding Startups
Dave Jackson

Legal Entities, Trademark, and Incorporation
Abigail Ingram

Sales Basics
Dr. Geoffrey Nyheim

Market Research
Dr. Gilbert Harrell

Business Model Canvas
DoTank

Creating a Web Presence
Dr. Terry Steinbach

Incubators & Accelerators as Funding Resources
Abigail Ingram

Building a Team, Hiring, and Recruiting
Dr. W. Marty Martin

An Introduction to Contracts
Carletta Traylor, Tamalyn Wandler, Julie D. Lawton, JD

Bridging Tech, Design, and Art with Business
Charles Adler

Entrepreneurship Series
Dr. Lamont Black

1871 COLLABORATION

DePaul University joined 1871 during the 2016-17 academic year as a collaboration across the university between the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center, Academic Affairs, the College of Computing and Digital Media, and the College of Law. **DePaul students can work out of the office space in 1871, attend workshops, and network with hundreds of entrepreneurs in Chicago.**



This space offers an area to build, connect, and grow businesses. The incubator is housed in the Merchandise Mart and has over 450 small/startup company workspaces. Students can use the conference space and have access to all of the experiential learning workshops within 1871. We have also hosted several of our large-scale events this past academic year at 1871, including the Purpose Pitch, DePaul TGIF and an Entrepreneurship Symposium.

Events at 1871



DePaul TGIF at 1871

Event hosted at 1871 to **celebrate DePaul's arrival at 1871** during a happy hour with food, drinks, and networking for students, faculty, 1871 staff and community.

Entrepreneurship Symposium at 1871

The Coleman Center sponsored an annual Entrepreneurship Symposium at 1871, featuring a keynote speaker and panel discussion. **The goal is to connect 1871 members and the DePaul community of students, alumni and faculty.** Our keynote speaker was Jeff Hoffman, Co-founder of priceline.com. The panelists were Aashish Dalal, co-Founder and CEO of ParkWhiz, Anthony Knierim, Co-Founder & COO of Stridekick, Brenda Palms-Barber, Executive Director of North Lawndale Employment Network, and Kevin O'Donnell, founder of Modobag. Moderator of event was Dr. Patrick J Murphy, Entrepreneurship Professor at DePaul University.



PURPOSE PITCH

The Coleman Entrepreneurship Center held the first Purpose Pitch Competition, a new venture competition on May 11, 2017. **This competition sets itself apart from others by selecting and empowering entrepreneurs to build what they believe with a purpose-driven business idea.** We believe purpose is important within any business and should be acknowledged to reach the company's full potential. Current DePaul University undergraduate and graduate students, as well as alumni, were eligible to compete. After a competitive process, 4 startups were accepted to do a 5-minute pitch on their business and purpose. Startups focused their presentations not only on the business model, but the overarching purpose and problem they are solving in society. Keynote speaker Kurt Summer, Treasurer of Chicago gave a speech at the event. A total of \$25,000 in prize money was awarded to the final contestants.

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“Who we are comes back to where we started. What we are doing is more than theater.”

—Peter Bucci
Springboard Theatre Company

“The biggest takeaway from the Purpose Pitch was looking at our company from a different perspective. Going through the several steps offered the opportunity to stop and think about it thoroughly.”

—Cecilie Tassone
PraxiCut



“We felt strong in our presentation skills. We reflected a lot on how we talk about why Second Shift exists. Being able to be more clear that Second Shift is a neighborhood hub.”

—Levi Baer
Second Shift Chicago

Judges were: **Michael Hennessy**, President of The Coleman Foundation; **Vip Sandhir**, Founder & CEO at HighGround; **Jodi Navta**, Chief Marketing Officer at Coyote Logistics; **Scott Kitun**, CEO at Technori; **Tom Walter**, Chief Culture Officer at Tasty Catering; **Steven DuPuis**, Founder of DuPuis Group.

Our Startup Final Contestants



EarlyVention, an organization that designs comprehensive activity boxes with visual, sensory, and interactive components. Adults with special needs help assemble activities that benefit children and the parents who love them, creating an ecosystem of impact.



PraxiCut, an organization dedicated to the creation of technologies for simulating the complete and complex experience of performing surgery for the purpose of teaching surgeries.



Springboard Theater Company, a Lincoln Park and DePaul-based organization that serves to provide unique theatre opportunities to underrepresented communities.



Second Shift, a community-focused coworking space that backs a mission behind supporting, promoting and connecting their members while also driving high social impact within their Logan Square neighborhood.

Purpose Pitch Winner Spotlight

EARLYVENTION

Melissa and Elizabeth Ames are sisters and co-founders of the startup EarlyVention. The startup is made for families with children on the autism spectrum. They create specialized subscription boxes of hands-on activities accompanied by lots of visual support to more effectively engage the child with their parents. Melissa worked with children with autism for 17 years in both school and home therapy settings and realized parents needed resources to help them connect parents to their children outside of school and therapy. Melissa and her mother, a Director of Special Education, would often speak of starting a business to solve this problem but when their mother passed away, Melissa and Elizabeth knew it was time to act. **“I realized that life was short and one of my mother’s last words was to ‘keep going’. We realized that between the two of us we could actually do this,”** says Melissa.



Elizabeth comes from a different work background than her sister. She worked for a non-profit focused on social impact and small businesses. She is passionate about international development and social entrepreneurship. Elizabeth then went to DePaul to obtain an MBA in Business. During Elizabeth’s studies at DePaul, the sisters decided to put their idea on paper and create a business plan to be entered into DePaul’s ‘Launch DePaul’ entrepreneurship competition. Through this, they gained feedback and affirmation on their idea to launch their business. Even without a background in business, Melissa always knew that she could create positive solutions to the problems she saw for her students and clients each day. “I always knew that I wanted to do more



and reach more families than I was during teaching and consulting. I did a lot of training for parents. In a very organic way, I gained confidence that I could do more,” says Melissa.

When Melissa and Elizabeth launched EarlyVention they set out to empower parents by providing ready-made and evidence-based tools to help boost parent-child interaction. Elizabeth explains, “More and more studies show that parental involvement in intervention can help decrease autism severity. In this light, we are trying to give parents stress-free resources to help further their child and bridge the gap between school, therapy, and home. We aim to boost caregivers’ confidence to more effectively engage and support their child so these kiddos can reach their highest potential.”

The purpose-driven mission of EarlyVention won over our judges at the Purpose Pitch. **Elizabeth states their biggest takeaway from the competition was “the admiration that the Chicago community is starting to see the value and importance of social entrepreneurship. Businesses can have a strong social stance and still be profitable.”**

EarlyVention also provides opportunities for adults with autism and other developmental disabilities who help assemble the subscription activity boxes. Through Melissa and Elizabeth’s unique backgrounds and passion for helping others, they have created a meaningful business plan for children with autism and adults with special needs. They continue to roll out and expand different aspects of their business to continue to reach a larger audience and help more individuals.



Follow their story at earlyvention.com

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



20
Student
Internships

DePaul University has a distinct connection to the global city of Chicago, which provides both context and content for our students' experiential learning. In 2016-17, the Coleman Center's outreach programs connected students to the world of business and illustrated our role in Chicago's dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem.



“Working for a startup you get to work with the whole company. You always learn something new.”

—Ranga Praveen Dasarathan
Startup Port Intern

STARTUP INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Thanks to a grant from the John E. and Jeanne T. Hughes Foundation, the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center sponsored 20 DePaul undergraduate student internships at Chicago startups. Twenty qualified students were selected from a pool of applicants. They reviewed applications from entrepreneurial startups to determine where they would work for 125 hours over the course of summer 2017. **This program is designed to give students hands-on experience working closely with founders on specific projects at a startup.**

LINCOLN PARK TUTOR PROGRAM

The Coleman Center sponsors student entrepreneur advisors who are available at the DePaul Lincoln Park Campus to **help support students in liberal arts, education, music and other programs.**



Students

Kathryn Deichert, Public Relations and Advertising Major, worked for **WeSolv**

Keyante Aytch, Undergraduate student studying Entrepreneurship, worked for **2112**

Ranga Praveen Dasarathan, Graduate student studying Information Systems, worked at **StartupPort**

Phuong Do, Graduate student studying Health Sector Management and Entrepreneurship, worked for **Neopenda**

Parker Hasty, Undergraduate student studying Business, worked for **Z-axis Factory**

Luz Gabriela, Undergraduate student studying Business Administration, worked for **Elmspring Accelerator**

Othon Nunez, Professional student in the College of Law, worked for **UpRight Law**

Weilin Cao, Graduate student studying Marketing Analysis, worked for **content Carnivores**

Giselle Jaramillo, Graduate student, worked for **Skill Scout**

Rija Aamir, Undergraduate student studying Information Technology, worked for **Codemoji**

Manuel Toborga, Undergraduate student studying Business Management, worked for **Elmspring Accelerator**

Miguel Montes, Undergraduate student studying Public Relations and Advertising, worked for **Be Greater Consulting**



Ben Tomasik, Undergraduate student studying Business Administration, worked for **Parker Dewey**

George Brigandi, Graduate student studying Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Management, worked for **Urban Rivers**

Jason Kiwanuka, Undergraduate student studying Finance and International Business, worked for **Cameo**

Michal Pirga, Undergraduate student studying Business Management, worked for **Skyline Kitchen**

Charles Cadiz, Graduate student studying Business Administration, worked for **Sacred Serve**

Nirali Sharma, Undergraduate student studying Business Management, worked for **FinTEX**

Marty Keane, Undergraduate student studying Public Relations and Advertising, worked for **Small Craft Advisory**

Stephanie Fay, Undergraduate student studying Communications and Media, worked for **Community Startups**

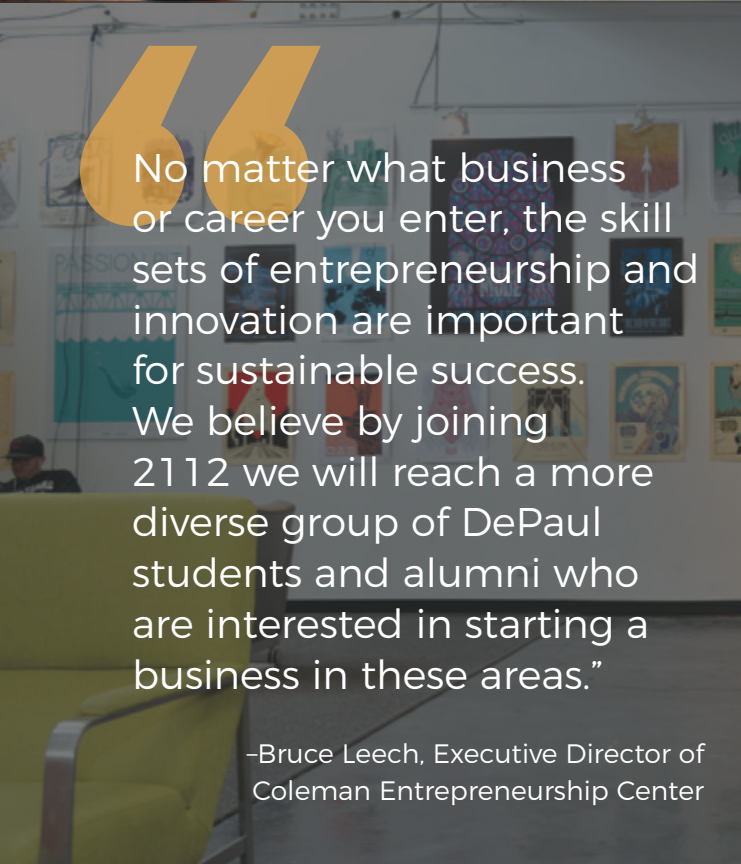
“My favorite part of the internship program is being able to see the logistics and background work of a startup company, especially through the lens of a marketing intern. I also got to work with a group of motivating individuals who are open to new ideas and ways of thinking, which has allowed me to grow and learn so much through my experience.”

—Kathryn Deichert
WeSolv Intern



2112 PARTNERSHIP

DePaul University joined 2112 during the 2017-2018 fiscal year as a collaboration across the university. 2112 is Chicago's first incubator focused in music, film and creative technologies. **DePaul will be the first university housed in the music/film incubator, indicating the importance of cross-campus ventures.** Students will be able to use the private office and coworking space, attend 2112 workshops, meet with 2112 mentors and work alongside creative entrepreneurs in the Chicagoland area.



No matter what business or career you enter, the skill sets of entrepreneurship and innovation are important for sustainable success. We believe by joining 2112 we will reach a more diverse group of DePaul students and alumni who are interested in starting a business in these areas."

-Bruce Leech, Executive Director of Coleman Entrepreneurship Center



DEPAUL'S ACADEMIC ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

The Coleman Entrepreneurship Center's programming is enhanced by its close relationship with DePaul's internationally recognized academic entrepreneurship program. **Through exposure to top entrepreneurship faculty who bring their own startup experience to the classroom, DePaul students gain knowledge from both theoretical and practical perspectives.** In addition, DePaul's entrepreneurship faculty are committed to cultivating entrepreneurship across

the university and in the larger Chicago community through outreach, mentoring and the Coleman Fellows program.



Coleman Fellows

Coleman Fellows are DePaul University faculty who teach in disciplines outside the Driehaus College of Business. They integrate concepts of entrepreneurship into their classes, extending the reach and impact of entrepreneurship education across campus.

William "Marty" Martin, Ph.D.
College of Science and Health,
Driehaus College of Business

Tim Cole, Ph.D.
College of Communication

Theresa Steinbach, Ph.D.
College of Computing and Digital Media

DePaul Entrepreneurship Faculty 2016-17

- Harold P. Welsch, Ph.D.
- Lisa Gundry, Ph.D.
- Javier Monllor, Ph.D.
- Patrick J. Murphy, Ph.D.
- Bruce Leech, Adjunct
- Jason Jacobsohn, Adjunct
- Jessica Rivas, Adjunct
- Levi Baer, Adjunct
- Scott Steward, Adjunct



Campus Advisory Team

The Campus Advisory Team provides advice, consultation and assistance to the Coleman Center and the entrepreneurship faculty and staff.

Patrizia Acerra, School of New Learning
Nezih Altay, Driehaus College of Business
Sheleene Bell, The Theatre School
Lamont Black, Driehaus College of Business
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Coleman Entrepreneurship Center Advisory Board 2016-17

The Coleman Center's Advisory Board is a consultative group of distinguished Chicago-area entrepreneurs that helps the Center fulfill its mission and advance its overall outcomes. It strives to create a dynamic relationship between DePaul educational efforts and Chicago's entrepreneurial ecosystem. Members have all been active entrepreneurs of successful companies. Their guidance and contributions are invaluable to our organization and student entrepreneurs.

Carol Bramson, Partner, TBG Capital
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Russ Gottesman, CEO, CommuterAds
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Michael Hennessy, President and CEO, The Coleman Foundation
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Kevin Taylor, Principal, Interim CxO
Harold Welsch, Professor, DePaul University
Jim Wicklander, Founder, Lake County Press
Darrell Williams, COO, Loop Capital

Coleman Mentors

The Coleman Entrepreneurship Mentors Program provides tremendous opportunities for students to expand their networks and get critical feedback on their ventures or entrepreneurial career goals. The Center's Mentors are an integral connection between the academic programs at DePaul and the experiential real world of business. We have vetted over 40 Mentors from the Chicagoland area from a broad array of business backgrounds to guide students in both their idea stages and launching a venture.

Koray Yesilli
Kevin Walter
Carl Hischman
Bob Borden
William Little
Jason Jacobsohn
Rob Pasquesi
Eric Gastevich
Levi Baer
Brian Sutherland
Archel Desir
Cliff Helm
Rania El-Sorogy
Pat Coveny
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Jeffrey Spetter
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David Novak
Omar Elkuka
Kristy Nittskoff
Danny Schuman
Joel Harris
Rick Rubenstein
Amanda Neely
Andrew Given



The entrepreneur has become the economic hero of modern industrial society. China and Russia have

adopted private enterprise as their basis of creating wealth, with Cuba joining in more recently. Ideas and opportunities abound, and both U.S. political parties claim the entrepreneur to be the basis of their platform. Creative crowdfunding is beginning to fill the stream of financing necessary to grow new businesses. Technology is working hand in hand with financiers to support creative ideas and operate business more efficiently. The number of apps is growing exponentially, and women and minority enterprises are breaking barriers. Strategies are being formulated with the help of entrepreneurship centers, incubators, accelerators, co-working spaces and small business development centers. Entrepreneurship at DePaul is at the forefront of these new models of economic growth. What an exciting time to be an entrepreneur!

H. Welsch

Harold P. Welsch, PhD

Founder and Director of Entrepreneurship Program, Coleman Foundation Chair in Entrepreneurship

ALUMNI DONOR

Allen Kutchins



Allen Kutchins is one of the founding partners of KRD (Kutchins, Robbins, & Diamond, Ltd). He is committed, service-driven and advocates a holistic approach to financial planning throughout the various stages of a client's

business lifecycle. Kutchins explains his main drive for donating to The Coleman Entrepreneurship Center: "I have a successful business and I think it is important to give back to the students," Kutchins says.

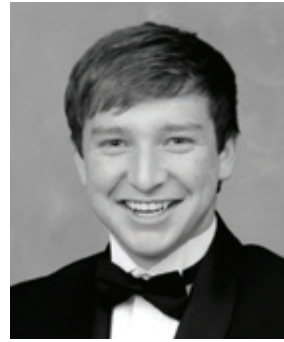
He is a strong advocate for our angel fund and mentors program at the Coleman Center. As the Center works to promote cross-campus involvement through our programs, Kutchins

says, "I firmly believe that everyone has to act as an entrepreneur so you can advance and grow within your job." Kutchins focuses on creating long-term relationships emphasizing integrity and personal service. He is also well known for his charitable work with various entities. Through his donations to the Coleman Center he hopes to, "protect the Center and help it grow."

"I firmly believe that everyone has to act as an entrepreneur so you can advance and grow within your job."

STUDENT PROFILE

Lance Sanderson



Lance Sanderson is a DePaul undergraduate student studying Business Administration and Management. Lance manages a photography business, Artisan Image, based out of Memphis and Chicago. Outside of

photography, he also works on various projects including consulting for a biomedical engineering firm in Chicago. Lance was first introduced to The Coleman Entrepreneurship Center when he met with our Assistant Director, Abigail Ingram, and Executive Director, Bruce Leech. "They were really excited and had a lot of energy. I started going back and forth on different problems I was having with my business and they started connecting me to solutions,"

says Sanderson. He continues to use the center as a place to network and work on projects. "The biggest benefit of the center for me is the access to networking both in the center and at 1871," explains Sanderson. As he continues to grow his business, consult, and build side projects, the Coleman Center works to connect Sanderson to mentors and the entrepreneurial ecosystem. Sanderson explains, "The Coleman Center has been incredibly helpful in my journey as an entrepreneur and connecting me with all of the resources I need to succeed."

"The biggest benefit of the center is the access to networking both in the center and at 1871."

STAY IN TOUCH

We welcome you to become involved with our Center and support our efforts to guide the next generation of DePaul student entrepreneurs through our work at the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center. Visit our website to sign up for our monthly email newsletter, E'Ship Buzz, and stay up to date on our upcoming activities, workshops, news, and partner events.



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Additional Thanks

The Coleman Entrepreneurship Center's successes is the result of many partners, both within and outside the university. We would particularly like to thank these individuals for their support throughout the year.

Dan Heiser, Chair, Department of Management and Entrepreneurship

Micheal Hennessy, President, The Coleman Foundation

DePaul University's Office of Advancement

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About Coleman Entrepreneurship Center

Established in 2003, the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center inspires our community to build businesses and create jobs that provide a positive impact. *We do good* by believing in creating sustainable business models that *do well* for the organization, community, and all stakeholders. We accomplish this through our events, partnerships, competitions, and DePaul's academic programs. Connecting our DePaul community with the strong entrepreneurial ecosystem in Chicago provides a hub for building, connecting, and launching a business for our students and alumni. The experiential skills we offer focus on entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity across industries.

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