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2016 DISCOVERY FORUM SERIES KICKS OFF IN TRIANGLE

Annual showcase attracts young social entrepreneurs and chance at $10K Prize

RALEIGH, N.C., September 16, 2016—The Institute for Emerging Issues (IEI) at NC State University will kick off its annual "Discovery Forum Series," in the Triangle on Wednesday, September 21, 2016. The Triangle Discovery Forum will be held at the Duke Bullpen located in Downtown Durham, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Forums attract teams of young social entrepreneurs who are working to improve their communities – and our state – through social innovation. The Triangle Discovery Forum will be the first in a statewide series of six such Forums across the state, all sponsored by BB&T.

The September 21st showcase features a series of five-minute pitches from young social entrepreneurs who aim to make the Triangle an even better place to live, work, and play. Audience members will vote to choose the top three presenters. Finalists will be invited to an intensive leadership development training in March, where they will spend a weekend networking with other NC social entrepreneurs to refine their ideas and compete for a chance to win up to $10,000 toward their social enterprise.

Presenters on September 21 will include:

- Community Stop
- Embrace
- Glance
- ReCity Network
- So Good Pupusas/Pupusas for Education
- SteamFill
- Supervize
- The Primlife Plan
- Unleash
- Yaheard

The Discovery Forum series, which will include similar events in Boone, Greenville, Hickory, Wilmington and the Triad, is part of IEI’s wider efforts to promote youth engagement and conversations that enhance the state’s future economic prosperity. For more information on the Discovery Forum series and to register to attend, please visit emergingissues.org/df.
About the Institute for Emerging Issues:

Institute for Emerging Issues (IEI) is a public policy “think and do” tank housed on North Carolina State University’s Centennial Campus, charged with connecting people and resources from all sectors and areas of North Carolina in an effort to ensure our state’s future economic competitiveness. For more information on IEI’s work, visit emergingissues.org.

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