WILMINGTON DISCOVERY FORUM CALLING YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Young social entrepreneurs to pitch startup concepts for chance at $10K Prize

RALEIGH, N.C., September 26, 2016—The Institute for Emerging Issues (IEI) at NC State University and the UNCW Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (UNCW CIE) will host the “Wilmington Discovery Forum” on Thursday, September 29, 2016. The event will be held at UNCW CIE in Wilmington, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Forum attract teams of young (ages 18-30) social entrepreneurs who are working to improve their communities – and our state – through social innovation. The Wilmington Discovery Forum is one of six such Forums across the state, all sponsored by BB&T.

The September 29th showcase will feature a series of five-minute pitches from young social entrepreneurs who aim to make the Wilmington area 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 29th will include:

- DUDDY
- House of Sticks
- The Legacy Project
- Mitigating Pollution from CAFOs Using Riparian Buffers in the Cape Fear Watershed
- One Red Lion, Inc.
- Plastic to Diesel Conversion
- Reconciled
- Re-Markable
- Turnip Learning
- Fecal Finders: Identifying Human Waste in Natural Waters

The Discovery Forum series, which will include similar events in Boone, Greenville, Hickory, the Triad, and the Triangle, 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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