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Donald F. Kuratko, Executive Director of the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation, considers the Elmores a “perfect fit” for the Entrepreneurship Law Clinic. In Dr. Kuratko’s opinion, “Their personal and professional lives demonstrate that David and D.G. Elmore truly embody the entrepreneurial spirit.” David and D.G. have used their business and legal degrees to build and manage the Elmore Group, Ltd. and the Elmore Sports Group, Ltd, business organizations that own several successful companies and sports teams.

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Wrapping up this year’s spring Academy Week for first year Entrepreneurial Management Academy students was the 8th Annual Velocity Conference held in Los Angeles at the University of Southern California. Founded by Jack M. Gill, Ph.D., the Velocity Conference is an annual event organized by Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business and the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation in partnership with another university for the purpose of “Accelerating Entrepreneurial Careers”.

This year’s conference was hosted by the USC’s Lloyd Greif Center for Entrepreneurial Studies. In addition, the Kelley and USC MBA’s were joined by a select number of students from Syracuse University’s Whitman School of Management, the 2006 host.

Students heard from a number of speakers from various industries and areas of expertise including venture capital, bio-technology and distribution. Presenters included: Gary Aden, founder, president and CEO of Pacific Nanotechnology; Jim Pearson, president & CEO of Suros Surgical Systems, Inc.; Nicholas Seet, founder & CEO of Auditude, Inc.; Torin Pavia, CEO of Aribetch, LLC; Tuomas Holmberg, VP of Business Development, Novadigm Therapeutics; and Joe Kaplan, Division President of Innovative Merchant Solutions.

A panel presentation “Dilemmas & Debates: VCs and Venture Financing” was also given. Participating in the panel discussion was Gary J. Anderson, TL Ventures; Jack M. Gill, Maven Venture Partners; and Jane H. Martin, Village Ventures.

Donald F. Kuratko, executive director of JCEI and the Jack M. Gill Chair of Entrepreneurship at IU said “We were excited to have the opportunity to partner with USC this year and to again include MBA students from Syracuse University. California is considered a hotbed of entrepreneurial activity. This was a golden opportunity for our students to network with some very successful entrepreneurs.”

Unique to this year’s conference was the participation in USC’s 12th Annual Networking Day, bringing together several hundred USC alumni entrepreneurs to share their successes, obstacles, and current company needs. Students also participated in a tour of Warner Bros. Studios, providing an “inside look” into the industry that dominates the region.

One Kelley MBA student summarized his experience by stating, “To listen to entrepreneurs’ insights was the best way to stimulate my senses, provoke my thoughts, and energize me. I could immerse myself in those entrepreneurial experiences.”

Previous Velocity Conference co-hosts have included Syracuse University, Stanford University, the University of Texas, the University of California at Berkeley, and Boston University.

Business Plan Competition Showcases Promising Future Businesses

This year’s Indiana University Campus Wide Business Plan Competition held on February 2, at the Kelley School of Business included both undergraduate and graduate teams.

Original business ventures, which were prepared by the teams under faculty supervision and were in the seed, start-up or early stages of development, were judged by state business executives who have expert knowledge in the various facets of entrepreneurial development.

Sporos.com and Benjamin Emmanuel were the two business plans presented at the undergraduate level, with Benjamin Emmanuel winning the competition. Benjamin Emmanuel team members were Phil Kealing, Pat Keeler, Jamie Schieken, Todd Scott and Michael Stangle.

Secure Data Solutions, Stretch Investment Services and X-POD Project, LLC were the three business plans presented at the graduate level, with MBA student Dan Chen winning the competition with his innovative X-Pod Project, LLC plan.

Gibbs Innovation Scholarships Created

Early this year, John R. Gibbs, co-founder of Interactive Intelligence Inc. and a member of the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation Executive Board, committed to providing $100,000 to create a scholarship endowment at IU Bloomington’s Kelley School of Business.

The Gibbs Scholarships will be used to attract outstanding students who have demonstrated or expressed a stated interest in innovation and entrepreneurship. Preference will be given to Indiana residents and those students with a financial need.

The gift qualifies for IU Bloomington’s Matching the Promise campaign and its impact will be doubled. The campus will match the typical $5,000 award, resulting in a $10,000 scholarship for the student.

“Because the Kelley School is such an excellent school and aspires to attract the best and brightest, I hope this endowment encourages and motivates others to provide scholarship support to maintain the continued excellence of the school,” Gibbs said.

Donald F. Kuratko, Executive Director of the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation, expressed his appreciation for Gibbs’ gift and his involvement with JCEI. “John is a visionary, always looking to better the state of Indiana’s business and civic communities. With this scholarship, he is further investing in the state’s future by investing in its students.”
Entrepreneur Day 2007
Goes Off-Campus

Cook Medical executives were featured at the seventh annual Indiana University Kelley School of Business Entrepreneur Day on March 30. IU students visited the world headquarters of Cook Incorporated located in Bloomington, Indiana. The Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation sponsored the annual event that highlights the philosophies and skill sets needed to be successful entrepreneurs.

Over 100 students, faculty and staff from the Kelley School of Business, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Informatics and College of Arts & Sciences Liberal Arts Management Program had the opportunity to not only hear from entrepreneurs, but also tour the facilities of one of the most successful medical devices businesses in the world.

Steve Ferguson, Cook’s Chairman of the Board, welcomed the group. Immediately following the introduction were presentations by three of Cook’s executive team. Dan Peterson, Vice President of Industry & Government Affairs for Cook Group, who received his MBA from Kelley, moderated the presentations. Tom Osborne—Senior Vice President of IP Growth & Development, Matt Waninger—Vice President of Engineering and Brian Bates, Senior Vice President of IP Growth and Development talked about Cook’s entrepreneurial culture from their long term perspectives.

Following the presentations, Donald F. Kuratko, the Jack M. Gill Chair of Entrepreneurship and Executive Director of the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, moderated a discussion panel. Kuratko stated, “To be able to offer the chance for our students to hear from these leaders in the life science industry and tour the Cook facilities was a wonderful opportunity for our students.”

During a panel discussion with Cook Incorporated President, Kem Hawkins, Tom Osborne, and Brian Bates, students asked a variety of insightful questions, and panel members gave candid responses about successes and struggles that Cook Medical, as a privately held, large entrepreneurial company faces in a highly competitive global market.

Dean A. Shepherd Receives Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurship

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Indiana University achieved history in attaining the #1 public university ranking for entrepreneurship at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. This was truly monumental and a tribute to the outstanding research and teaching that emanates from our faculty. With some of the latest journal articles and books published by our faculty, Indiana University continues to lead the world in entrepreneurshp scholarship and research.

I was also personally humbled and very proud to have been selected as the 2007 recipient of the prestigious John E Hughes Entrepreneurial Advocacy Award by the U.S. Association for Small Business & Entrepreneurship. This is a wonderful honor coming from my peers who I deeply respect, and it represents my devotion to what I believe is the greatest academic area of study in business schools today.

Overall this has been an “entrepreneurial year” for all of us here at IU and we are truly excited to see our efforts recognized so visibly by our peers. I know I speak for our entire entrepreneurship team when I say that we continually seek to be world leaders in every aspect of our research, scholarship and teaching. So, as the entrepreneurial journey unfolds we all believe the years ahead will be even greater for the impact we can make across the globe. Entrepreneurship is about creating the world of tomorrow. Here at Indiana University, we seek to be the wave creating tomorrow’s entrepreneurial knowledge!
Entrepreneurial Thought Leadership

Dr. Dean A. Shepherd: Entrepreneurial Decision Making and Strategies

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Entrepreneurial Opportunity. Although the concept of opportunity is central to the field of entrepreneurship, scholars have struggled philosophically with the concept and empirically with how it should be operationalized. Dr. Shepherd’s work focuses on the role of individuals’ knowledge and motivation in the acknowledgement and exploitation of opportunities. In a recent Academy of Management Review paper McMullen and Shepherd (2006) were able to reconcile economic theories of the entrepreneur that were previously considered alternate explanations. He has also concomitantly considered knowledge and motivation in the pursuit of entrepreneurial careers through a combination of theoretical, analytical, and experimental research.

Entrepreneurial Strategies. Dr. Shepherd’s research in this stream focuses on entrepreneurs’ decisions to position their firms for success, especially considering the role of knowledge, motivation, and how entrepreneurs choose to position their firms by their resource allocation decisions. Knowledge is the primary focus of investigations of timing of entry decisions, motivation is the primary focus of his studies into small business growth, and he has investigated the contingent relationship between firms’ strategic orientations and their knowledge-based resources.

Stakeholder Support for Entrepreneurial Firms. Resources from external parties are an important input in to the entrepreneurial process. Dr. Shepherd’s research with Andrew Zacharakis (Babson College) has made a number of contributions to knowledge of venture capitalists’ decision making. They have moved this stream of research away from traditional theoretical and empirical approaches to include new methods of data collection and analysis that allow for a more in-depth understanding of how entrepreneurs make decisions.

Failure of Entrepreneurial Businesses. Entrepreneurship and strategy research has an anti-failure bias, with little research on failure other than how firm failure should be avoided and acknowledged that project failure within a firm can represent an important learning opportunity. Recently Dr. Shepherd explored the emotional consequences of failure for entrepreneurs; that the loss of a business due to failure can cause the self-employed to feel grief - a negative emotional response from the loss of something important – which interferes with the ability to learn from the events surrounding that loss. He then proposed a dual process of grief recovery that minimizes emotional interference and enhances the ability of the self-employed to learn from the loss of a business.

Focusing on the four streams described above Dr. Shepherd has published primarily in the top general management journals (Academy of Management Review, Journal of Management, Management Science, and the Strategic Management Journal), top general operations journals (European Journal of Operational Research) and the top specialized entrepreneurship journals (Journal of Business Venturing and Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice).

The following list highlights some of the “impact” articles that Dr. Shepherd has published in the last two years: