

iFoundry News-Update April 2nd, 2010

Hello iCommunity! We hope that everyone had a relaxing spring vacation and a smooth return to campus. As the semester begins to draw to an end, we want to present you with some additional opportunities for both the rest of this semester and into the fall. We wish you all a great holiday weekend.

Save the Date

April 5- Matt Gornick presentation

April 7- Deadline for iSA applications

April 17- Creative Entrepreneurship Workshop

April 28- Spring Semester iExpo

E.I iTeam to host Creative Entrepreneurship Workshop

In a globalizing and challenging economy, the next generation of creative entrepreneurs will be reinventing the business world. Join featured speaker Laura Hollis of the University of Illinois, Carl Nordgren of *Minogi*, Zach Kaplan of *Inventables*, Phil Tadros of *Doejo*, Loran Nordgren of *Kellogg*, James Interlandi of *Virtual General Counsel*, Michael Bell of *Fronterion*, Nate Kontny of *Inkling Markets*, Vishu Ramanathan of *ThinkLink*, Jonathan Naber of the *Illini Prosthetics Team*, Darren Marshall of *Doejo*, and Jason Tillery of *ThinkLink* at the **Creative Entrepreneurship Workshop** that will guide you through **the creative processes of founding your startup, avoiding startup pitfalls, and connecting with creative entrepreneurs in the Midwest and abroad**. For more information or to sign up for the conference, visit <http://minogi.com/comments.php?DiscussionID=158>. For transportation, contact Islam Sharabash at Islam.Sharabash@gmail.com.

“Rework College”: A presentation by Matt Gornick, iFoundry iSA

Matt Gornick, an iFoundry student advisor for the Entrepreneurship and Innovation iTeam, will be **speaking about his experiences with start up companies on April 5th at 8pm in Siebel Center room 3401**. Gornick is the CEO of OrangeQC and will be presenting about his company, unique work style and ability to balance school work and the start-up simultaneously. His presentation, which is titled “Rework College”, will be a part of the “Guerilla Star-up Series” developed by the Illini Entrepreneurship Network.

Do you want to be an iSA?

Calling all students! Do you remember the **joy** you felt when you first stepped onto campus as a budding engineer, ready to take on the world’s toughest challenges? You can help preserve and inspire that joy in others by applying to become an **iTeam Student Advisor (iSA)** for the Illinois Engineering Freshman Experience (iEFX). As an iSA, you’ll help guide freshmen as they engage in unconventional learning activities, and you’ll also collaborate with college leadership to drive the future of the engineering curriculum at U of I. This is a paid position, but more importantly, it will give you the chance to have significant impact on the College of Engineering and its people. To learn more or apply, visit <http://iefx.engineering.illinois.edu/student-advisor>. Applications are

due by **Wednesday, April 7**. Feel free to contact Forrest Iandola (jandola1@illinois.edu) with questions or comments about iEFX, the iTeam Student Advisor position or the application.

Do you enjoy working on hands on projects? Become an ELA!

Do you enjoy hands on projects and leading student teams? Consider being an ELA for the ENG 198 class! ELA positions for fall 2010 are now available. Contact Karen Hyman, Associate Director of iFoundry, at kkhyman@illinois.edu if interested.

Innovation Living-Learning Community

The Innovation Living-Learning Community (*Innovation LLC*) **gives university students the opportunity to pitch ideas with their peers and allows students to see what kind of projects and start-ups other students are engaged in on campus.** Through *Innovation LLC*, there will be opportunities to hear the latest news about the entrepreneurial community on campus, meet and learn from current entrepreneurs, and have access to some courses that are only offered to the *Innovation LLC* residents. There is a strong partnership between University Housing and the College of Engineering where students can take advantage of those connections without even leaving their residence hall. *Innovation LLC* will have some dedicated project space called *The Garage*, where planning and execution of various ideas can take place over a longer period of time than in other public area spaces. For more information on *Innovation LLC* visit <http://housing.illinois.edu/Current/Living-Learning>. Interested students can apply to live in *Innovation LLC* by marking it as their preference on their housing contract & by completing the Living-Learning Community essay.