The People’s United Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship announces its annual Speaker Series, which kicks off on March 10, 2021. The series features corporate innovators, entrepreneurs, Quinnipiac University alumni, public and private sector support organizations and experts who focus on financing entrepreneurial initiatives.

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, March 10

Philanthropy & Social Entrepreneurship

Community Foundations have grown increasingly interested in promoting entrepreneurship, particularly to address unmet needs, as a method of addressing problems that have been at the core of their missions. Ginsberg as president and CEO of The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven will address the foundation's role in promoting entrepreneurial infrastructure in Greater New Haven.

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Wednesday, March 17

Accelerators and Early Stage Entrepreneurship

The mission of the Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking at Yale is to promote entrepreneurship and innovation among students, faculty and staff. Obiocha, managing director, will discuss how Yale views the role of university-led innovation and entrepreneurship.

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Wednesday, March 24

Urban Entrepreneurship

Opportunity Hub was one of the first African American-based business accelerators. Based in Atlanta, GA, Sampson is a national leader in working with urban-based innovators and entrepreneurs.

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Thursday, April 1

Pharmaceutical and IT

Alexion Pharmaceuticals is an example of a university-spawned enterprise that is a leading innovator in health care. Llado, the chief information officer at Alexion, will talk about the role of innovation in the continuing success of Alexion and other early stage university-connected enterprises.

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Thursday, April 8

Entrepreneurial Support and Chambers of Commerce

The Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce is one of the oldest continuously operating chambers of commerce in America. The chamber has supported business development in the greater New Haven region since 1794. Sheehan, president and CEO of the Chamber, will talk about how the organization is prioritizing the development of entrepreneurship in the region.

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Thursday, April 15

Health Care & Entrepreneurship

Inequity and many other factors are barriers to health care. Lecky and Howard will talk about the development of entrepreneurs and advocates focused on improving health care delivery for low-income and underserved communities. Lecky is the co-founder of Health Ventures, helps early stage health care companies with strategic financial and executive advice. Howard, executive director of the Accelerator for Biosciences in Connecticut (ABCT), leads a quasi-governmental agency designed to support CT-based innovators in the health sciences.

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