In this class, we started a conversation with black women founders telling their true stories. Starting with Black History Month. In our ENTP 340: Inclusive Innovation class, we kicked off Black History Month hearing the entrepreneurial stories of four inspiring black women who have been awarded National US Small Business Administration Women’s Business Center Woman Entrepreneur of the Year. Our esteemed panelists included:

Nichole Wilson, co-founder and co-president of Black Fortunes: The Story of the First Six African Americans Who Escaped Slavery, who will be the focus of a new eight-part original series launching on Netflix in May 2022.

Karen Jones, the founder of “Are You Ready?” an app that helps parents debrief and parent with intention.

Jemia Cunningham-Elder ’09, the co-founder of First Women’s Ventures, a fund that is focused on providing capital to early-stage companies that lead and hire diverse teams.

Cece Symone, a brand that celebrates all fashion forward women.

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“Are You Ready?”

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First Women’s Ventures

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Our students' ideas start and mobilize the people, resources, and networks to solve them.

We did our very best to stay quiet during the campus-wide quiet period, but you know we can't stay quiet for long in ENTP. We have too much to share and celebrate...

Celebrate the Achievements of Black Entrepreneurs

Who will still win?

In the latest installment of Explained: Racial Wealth Gap, we explore the long-overdue and much-needed conversation about the racial wealth gap, the most persistent and pessimistic measure of wealth inequality. We talk about the role of systemic racism and inequity have compounded to create a racial wealth gap. US Rating: TV-MA. This show is designed for mature audiences only.

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Isha Sesay

Bryan Stevenson

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Join us in the Oppenheimer Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (OC) on Saturday, April 23rd. It will be a day of inspiration, learning, and networking. You will get to meet other entrepreneurs and innovators who are working on problems that are close to your heart.

Join us for a one-day-only bricks-and-mortar pop-up shop featuring a wide range of culturally relevant topics, questions, and ideas. Each episode will explore current events, social issues, and how they impact our daily lives.

Join the Lake Forest College student teams as they make their final pitch! Entrepreneurs pitch their business concept to a panel of judges for feedback and cash prizes. Cheer on the Lake Forest College student teams as they make their final pitch!

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In case you missed it

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