



Unleashing National Impact | Igniting Local Transformation

March 19, 2025

8:30 Registration and Welcome

9:00 Client Success Story

Morgan Stevenson and Judy Hoepker, Owners of Rolling Oak Alpaca Ranch

10:00 Research to Revenue: How Entrepreneurs Can Tap into Gower Translational Research Center

Gary Kinsel, School of Chemical and Biomolecular Sciences

Ken Stoner, Director Incubator Operations & Workforce Initiatives

11:00 Dollars and Sense: How Lenders Think, How to Win Them Over

Tristan Brown, Justine Peterson

Darin Gehrke, SomerCor

Robert Owens, Advantage Illinois Team from IL DCEO

12:00 Lunch and Networking

1:00 Do You Really Know Your Numbers

Aimee Wigfall, Small Business Specialist, SBDC

2:00 Dawgs Who Hustle: Mastering Saluki Market & Shopify

Molly Hudgins and Sadie Horan, SIU Alumni Association

3:00 Closing Remarks



Thank you for attending! Please take a few moments to complete our survey.

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