

ENTREPRENEURSHIP PANEL SERIES

TUESDAY • MARCH 5, 2019

12:00PM - 2:00PM

EmployIndy
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Charlie Frasor - Regions Bank, Branch Manager

Charlie has been with Regions Bank since 2016, as a Manager/AVP at their Beech Grove location. He is a member of their Elite-Next-Step Team which specializes in community outreach centering around financial planning and awareness. Prior to coming to Regions bank, Charlie worked in banking in downtown Indianapolis. When not at work, Charlie enjoys spending time with his family, camping, bonfires and playing guitar.



Dr. Ivan Douglas Hicks - First Baptist Church North Indianapolis, Senior Minister

Dr. Ivan Douglas Hicks has served as the Senior Minister of the historic First Baptist Church North Indianapolis, Indiana since April of 1999. Prior to moving to Indianapolis, Pastor Hicks served as assistant at Metropolitan Baptist Church, in Washington, D.C. From 1994 through 1997, as Executive Minister/Chief Operating Officer at Bright Hope Baptist Church after graduating with a Master of Divinity degree from the United Theological Seminary. In 2003, Dr. Hicks was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in African American Studies from Temple University and is a proud alum of Morehouse College in Atlanta. Rev. Hicks also plays an active role in the leadership, teaching and mentorship team at the Grindery where he assists entrepreneurs in accomplishing their goals.



The Business Administration program at Ivy Tech puts students directly in real-life scenarios and actual business situations and simulations to ensure students gain valuable job skills through a quality education.

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NaShara Mitchell - Studio B, Founder; Design Bank, Co-Founder

NaShara Mitchell is a SUCCESS advocate, strategist, speaker, educator, entrepreneur and business owner, reframing gaps to opportunities for women, creatives and the underrepresented. Considering business and education as forms of social justice and catalysts for social innovation, Ms. Mitchell is the owner of two innovation spaces: Studio B (founder), a place for creative exchange focusing on women and social entrepreneurs, and the Design Bank (co-founder), an urban maker space providing Impact in 3D. Formally, NaShara is an instructor at the Lacy School of Business at Butler University.



Katrina Owens - Go Consulting, LLC, Founder

As the founder of Go Consulting LLC, Katrina Owens has dedicated her life to helping others succeed. She has helped countless individuals and organizations obtain high achievements. As a dedicated mother and lifelong learner herself, Katrina understands the importance of education. She has earned multiple credentials including two master's degrees from Ball State University. Katrina has years of experience working within various industries including higher education, healthcare and workforce development. She is passionate about using her experiences and knowledge so that others can be successful.



The mission of the Edna Martin Christian Center is to bridge cultural, racial, and economic differences in order to support and nurture the people in the community by providing holistic programs that empower, encourage, and engender a vision of hope.

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Mark Radford - GTB, Inc., Founder & Director

Mark Radford, an Indianapolis native, graduated from Broad Ripple High School and attended Dillard University in Louisiana, earning a degree in Business Administration. Following a 10-year career in the Medical Sales industry, he pursued a life-long dream of entrepreneurship with initial ventures in catering and concessions eventually led to the launch of an original quick-service concept called Boogie Burger, which operated for over a decade. He's the Founder and Director of GTB, Inc., a consultancy that specializes in concept development and entrepreneurial education. In addition, he's the author of the book *Restaurant Winners: Plain Talk for Bootstrappers Navigating the Foodservice Industry*.



Jeermal Sylvester - EmployIndy, Youth Recruitment & Business Engagement Manager

Jeermal Sylvester is EmployIndy's Youth Recruitment and Business Engagement Manager and is responsible for connecting businesses to young people. Because of his past with his father in prison and his mother struggling with drugs, Jeermal understands the needs of others. When he was younger, Jeermal got a basketball scholarship to Ball State but left school with only six classes remaining but has since finished his bachelor's degree. He has been recognized by The Good Men Project and featured on the Source Radio Network show "How Parent Involvement Affects Student Achievement." Jeermal has shared his story at conferences and is on the board for Tamika Catchings' foundation "Catch the Stars."



SCORE Indianapolis is the premier source of free small business advice for entrepreneurs. They are a volunteer, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the success of small business in Central Indiana.