

MIT Entrepreneurship Center Enhances Working Environment for MIT Student Entrepreneurs

Thursday, September 17, 2009 – The MIT Entrepreneurship Center (MIT E-Center) is rolling out a number of initiatives aimed at making its physical presence more open, welcoming and productive to MIT students across the campus.

The improvements to date include:

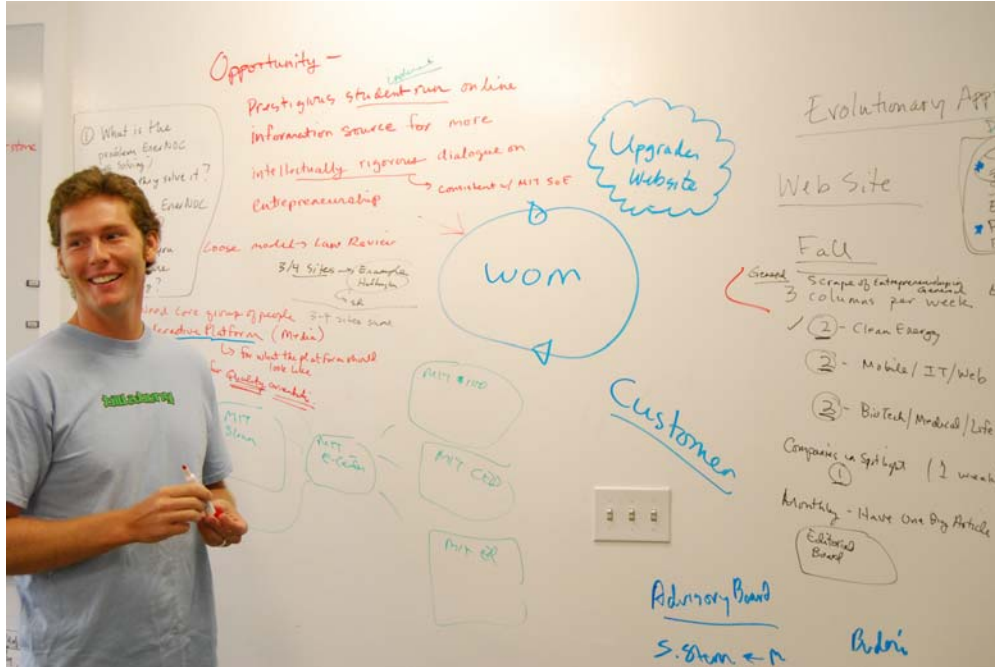
1. Physical reorganization which doubles the available space for students to work productively and collaboratively at the E-Center (from 20 to now over 40 at one time).
2. Establishment of “Idea paint®” environment – transforming wall space into a free-form white board surfaces that along with high resolution cameras significantly enhances brainstorming and allows for capturing ideas as digital files.

Plans for the future include:

1. Increased tables, seating and easily moveable furniture improving collaborative working opportunities.
2. Flexibility in conference rooms to support small-group work settings while maintaining a high productivity and innovative environment.
3. New mini-studio to make digital video capture of students’ communications initiatives easy and cheap and thereby effectively leverage the internet.
4. Interactive community building digital “shingles” which celebrate successful – and unsuccessful - MIT founded companies, and celebrating currently emerging MIT entrepreneurs.

The MIT E-Center welcomes students from all the Schools at MIT and at all levels to stop by and visit our “in the process of being renovated” facilities in Building E40, Room 196 and start to become familiar with what the Center can offer to help you in your entrepreneurial journey of exploration.

The Mission of the E-Center is to create a highly productive environment that educates, nurtures, networks and celebrates entrepreneurship for MIT students from their inspiration or technological breakthrough to the point where they have the plan, the capabilities, the confidence, the momentum and the network to achieve escape velocity from MIT to start a successful innovation-based new venture.



IdeaPaint® walls at work at the MIT E-Center

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