

MIT Entrepreneurship Center Transforms its Entrepreneur in Residence Program to Expand Support for MIT Student Entrepreneurs

Wednesday September 16, 2009 – The MIT Entrepreneurship (E-Center) announces an inaugural group of six experienced entrepreneurs who will serve as Entrepreneurs-In-Residence – a part time interactive engagement by working entrepreneurs, to nurture and support MIT students in the process of starting companies. They will be available to students throughout the semester. The inaugural class includes:

1. **Susan Whoriskey**, (Cubist Pharmaceuticals, Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Whoriskey Associates) PhD in Molecular Biology from UCLA and a Post Doctoral Fellow at Harvard. Susan has experience and knowledge on how to take a technological breakthrough and create a profitable company through the stages of initial company formation, creating intellectual property, building the team, effectively progressing through trials and finally partnering for distribution. Primary Expertise: **Life Sciences**.
2. **Jean Hammond** (AXON Networks, Quarry Technologies, Spider Systems, ZipCar, HubAngels). Jean is an MIT graduate and a successful track record of mentoring women entrepreneurs. She has also been actively involved as an advisor, a board member or investor in companies such as Spider Systems, iTeam and ZipCar. Jean has been an active with investor networks such as HubAngels, Launchpad and GoldenSeeds. Primary Expertise: **Information Technology**
3. **Brian Halligan** (Founder & CEO, HubSpot) & **Dharmesh Shah** (Founder & Chief Technology Officer, HubSpot) are recent graduates of the MIT Sloan School of Management who have recently had a dramatic impact on entrepreneurs worldwide with HubSpot. Brian and Dharmesh will provide valuable insights into the rapidly changing of inbound marketing. They will also provide advice on how to start a company right out of MIT as they did. Primary Expertise: **Entrepreneurial Marketing**.
4. **Simeon Simeonov** (Fast Ignite, Inc.). Sim has worked closely with entrepreneurs to create Web 2.0 companies. He grew up in Bulgaria, went to college at Macalester College and did his graduate work at Boston University in computer science. He has also worked at Polaris Ventures Partners as a Venture Partner, at Maromedia as the VP of Emerging Technologies and Chief Architect and at Allaire. Primary Expertise: **Web 2.0**.
5. **Roger Freeman** (Solventera Energy). Roger is an expert in the rapidly accelerating field of clean energy entrepreneurship. He previously spent 5 year at Citizens Energy creating new ventures, products and services in this sector. He is also a trained lawyer who is effective in understanding the legal and policy considerations involves with new energy venture creation as well as the fundamental business issues. Primary Expertise: **Clean Energy**.

An online booking system will be up and running in the next few weeks. Until that time, interested MIT students should email Noemi Mata at nmata@mit.edu. Students from all MIT schools at all stages of company formation (from idea to revenue generation) are welcome.

The MIT E-Center offers an environment to educate, nurture, network and celebrate MIT entrepreneurship. The Center helps MIT students at all stages of the start up process, from inspiration or technological breakthrough, to business planning, to achieving the capabilities, confidence and network, to achieve escape velocity from MIT and build a successful innovation-base venture.

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