OUR MISSION

IDENTIFY, SUPPORT, AND RETAIN ENTREPRENEURIAL TALENT IN NEW ORLEANS
I'm thrilled to be leading the next chapter at an organization where I believe the possibilities are limitless. The Idea Village’s bold and relentless vision of New Orleans as an innovation hub and programs that help form the fabric of our burgeoning entrepreneurial community are the foundation of the robust entrepreneurial ecosystem that exists today. The opportunity to lead this organization is humbling and exhilarating, and coincides with my personal passion to serve this region’s entrepreneurs, innovators, startups, and growth oriented companies.

To the next chapter,
Jon
OUR SERVICES

Accelerator Programs
Direct Consulting
New Orleans Entrepreneur Week
Community Events
This year, we laid the groundwork for expanded growth of our programs and services. The work of The Idea Village continues to build a vibrant entrepreneurial community.
STARTUP SUCCESS
OVERALL IMPACT

8,909 ENTREPRENEURS supported

$27.9M TOTAL RESOURCES provided
ACCELERATORS
Our 6-month industry-agnostic accelerator provided direct support to entrepreneurs in all facets of early stage companies.

The extended length of the program and the addition of industry-specific mentors allowed us to create more impact for our companies.
Of the 254 ventures that have gone through the program:

77% still in **IN BUSINESS**

90% still based **IN NEW ORLEANS**

Collectively, these **companies** have:

raised over **$226M** in **private capital**

created over **3,200 jobs**

generated more than **$253M** in **annual revenue**
IDEAx is an intensive, industry-agnostic 6-month accelerator program for New Orleans-based founders focused on creating scalable and fundable businesses.

**AxoSim, Lowry Curley, PhD, Michael Moore, PhD, Ben Cappiello, Drew Mouton**

AxoSim’s Nerve-on-a-Chip platform is changing the way new drugs are tested using engineered human nerve tissue that looks and functions like real human nerves, allowing pharmaceutical companies to develop safer and more effective drugs before they ever do a clinical trial.

**Brass City Shrub & Soda - Sarah Pearson, Benton Bourgeois, Danielle Hammett, Matthew Gardner**

Makers of Huhu’s Ginger Brew, Brass City will offer seasonal shrubs and sodas, and strive to strengthen New Orleans’ reputation as a premier food and beverage city in the US.

**Dig - Leigh Isaacson, Casey Isaacson, Keith Isaacson**

Dig is the dog person’s dating app for dog owners and dog lovers who consider their dog-forward lifestyle as a principal attribute.

**Fanalysis - Ryan Redfearn**

Fanalysis is a mobile application for iOS that will add a new dynamic to sports fandom by allowing users to create, track, and analyze their own “fan stats,” flipping the current sports statistical model on its head by making sports statistics fan-centric rather than team-centric or player-centric.

**Free Your Tea - Knud E. Berthelsen**

Free Your Tea is a tea-as-a-service company that discovers and delivers teas tailored to the tastes of customers, helping them drink better – and more – tea.

**The French Library - Katrina Greer**

The French Library is a children’s book shop and magical play and party space in Uptown New Orleans, specializing in French and English language books, games, toys, and joyful lifestyles.
Lily Reign - Erica A. Day
Lily Reign is an innovative group travel company dedicated to reconnecting people to each other and our planet.

Maverick VR - David Denny, Devin Regan
Maverick VR provides Virtual Reality (VR) entertainment and engagement services for meetings, conventions, trade shows, and events throughout the nation.

Navé - John McCann Jr.
Navé is a socially responsible, urban wear fashion brand that provides premium clothing while allowing customers to send a free customized Navé item to a friend, family member, or youth in need at the time of their purchase.

Pang Wangle - Jennifer John
Pang Wangle is an optimistic outdoor apparel brand, creating soft, ultra-light, UV-protection clothing for subtropical adventures.

Stop & Block - Sean McCloskey
Stop & Block develops an automated sunscreen dispenser that provides access to single-serve sunscreen on the go.

ProductMatchr - Andrew Ryan, Kevin Truong
ProductMatchr helps big and tall men find clothing and shoes that fit by matching them to everything that is in stock in their size across numerous online stores.

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Pet Krewe - Allison Albert
Pet Krewe is the #1 source for pet costumes online.

Vizzit - Arthur Bart-Williams
Vizzit is a location-aware content platform that provides self-guided experiences and enables brands to connect with audiences through stories at the places they visit.
I moved to New Orleans from the San Francisco Bay Area to participate in the Idea Village's accelerator program and I'm glad that I took the leap of faith. It has provided the structure, guidance, content, and connections to help us reach our goals in record time. I look forward to paying the experience forward and being a permanent part of this growing entrepreneurial ecosystem.

ARTHUR BART-WILLIAMS
VIZZIT
Before starting the accelerator program, my business had very poor systems and undeveloped strategies in place. As a participant, I was able to establish a strong operational base that operates with much more efficiency and effectiveness.

JOHN MCCANN JR.
NAVÉ
IDEASESSIONS – DIRECT CONSULTING

Our network of local business experts provided 73 HOURS of direct consulting services to local, idea-stage entrepreneurs.

TESTIMONIAL

“I learned more about financial accounting and best practices for business record keeping. They taught me about valuations, and prepped me for discussions with potential investors and strategic partners. My primary goal at the beginning of the sessions was to transition the business from a sole proprietorship to an LLC and to add another member. We did both successfully.”
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

In an effort to instill the entrepreneurial mindset at all levels of the community, we host an annual calendar of workshops, discussions, and networking events for business owners and founders.

This year, 350 community members attended our events, which covered a wide range of topics.
NEW ORLEANS ENTREPRENEUR WEEK
THIS YEAR, NOEW CELEBRATED ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

This year saw the launch of “NOEW in Your Neighborhood,” with events hosted by partners in Broadmoor, Bywater, Central City, Central Business District, Lakeview, Treme, Uptown, and St. Bernard Parish, culminating in a two-day summit at NOEW HQ located at the Contemporary Arts Center.
$330K
Awarded in funding and services to entrepreneurs

$150M
in earned media

23 strategic partners

More than 100 zip codes represented

Unique events offered in 8 New Orleans neighborhoods

National Media Attention

THRILLIST

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Medium

83 of the region’s most innovative startup ventures in arts, education, food, healthcare, technology, and water management were showcased
“There’s a striking emergence of entrepreneurial talent in our city, and New Orleans Entrepreneur Week is a big reason for that. JPMorgan Chase is proud to be among NOEW’s earliest supporters. Our organizations have a lot in common: we know the value of building relationships for the long haul; and we know that when we support entrepreneurs, we support opportunity, prosperity and inclusive growth.”

- Katie LeGardeur, Managing Director and Market Leader for JPMorgan Chase
FY 2017 FINANCIALS

TOTAL REVENUE: $2,681,665

- Corporations: 30.6%
- Foundations: 27.7%
- Government: 12.7%
- Individuals: 4.6%
- Other: 0.4%
- Fees: 23.9%

TOTAL EXPENSES: $2,401,223

- Core Funding: 82.6%
- General & Administrative: 11.6%
- Fundraising: 5.8%
OUR VILLAGE
OUR SUPPORTERS

$50,000+
Bond Moroch
The Coulter Family Foundation
Jones Walker
JPMorgan Chase & Co.
Solomon Group

$25,000+
French Market™ Coffee
IBERIABANK
Innovation Catalyst
Eugenie and Joseph Jones Family Foundation
Ochsner Health System
Pan-American Life Insurance Group

$10,000+
Jackie and Mike Bezos
Cathy and Rivie Cary
Downtown Development District
Ella West Freeman Foundation
Goldring Family Foundation
Harper Family Foundation
Elly and Merritt Lane
Legacy Capital LLC
Lucid
Ti Adelaide Martin
Amith Nagarajan
New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corp
Machelle and John Payne
Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann LLC

$5,000+
Adams and Reese LLP
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana
Kia and Christy Brown
Canal Barge Company, Inc
The Domain Companies
Entergy New Orleans
EY
Alan Franco
Frlot, LLC
Intralox
Laitram
Gustaf W. McIlhenny Foundation
NOLA Media | Times Picayune
Ogletree Deakins
Square and Mastercard
Working Californians

$2,500+
Be Well Nutrition
Margaret and Ken Beer
Callais Capital
Sally and Jay Lapeyre
Lowe Stein
Marty Mayer
Alice and David Mount
Servato
Shell
Aimée and Michael Siegel
T-Mobile

$1,000+
Stephanie and David Barksdale
Lauren Baum
Carole B. and Kenneth J. Boudreaux Foundation
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inFRONT
KPMG LLP
Kushner LaGraize, LLC - Certified Public Accountants and Consultants
Adrien Lanusse and Ken Cerniglia
Peggy B. Rosenthal
tasc Performance
ThirtyNorth Investments, LLC
Jenny and Tim Williamson

$500+
Anonymous
ChapterSpot
Danah and Paul Fisher
Mamie and Kirk Gasperecz
Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association
Susan Hess
IMOTO photo
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Susu and Michael Kearney
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$100+
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$5+
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Joan Mueller
Emily Rebert
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Perry Sholes
Carolyn Spears
Patricia Unangst
Lance Vinson
Eileen Wallen
Flynn Zaiger
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PROGRAM MANAGER, NOEW

MOLLY HORTON
 SENIOR MARKETING MANAGER

KAT MILLIGAN
DEVELOPMENT & ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

AUDREY VOELKER
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
2018 - 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Founder and Managing Director, Legacy Capital

N. Robbert Vorhoff
Managing Director, Global Head of Healthcare, General Atlantic

Tim Williamson
Co-founder, The Idea Village
As we move into this next chapter under the guidance of our new leadership, we look forward to continuing to provide premiere opportunities to the entrepreneurial community of New Orleans. We will be able to open up a whole new variety of opportunities and resources to choose from with the addition of an industry sponsored accelerator, as well as the launch of the education-based IDEAinstitute. We look to this next year with excitement for these new developments, and an anticipation that our city and its entrepreneurs will rise to the occasion with new, innovative, and industry changing ideas.
WITH YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, WE WILL BUILD THE NEW ORLEANS OF TOMORROW.