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# NEF 35 Years Of Coaching Entrepreneurs

## The Experience:

The entrepreneurial landscape has grown where universities are offering programs in developing and nurturing innovation. With the support of the state of Michigan, entrepreneurial incubators and accelerators have also grown. Entrepreneurs have received critical training in developing their products and services. Investor groups have increased in number as they are attracted by the opportunities of these early startups. Jobs have been created as startups received funding to progress into the growth phase of their businesses. All this activity has been based on the unifying idea that cultivating innovation is the key to a prosperous economy for Michigan and the United States.

It is common knowledge that entrepreneurs go out of business at an alarming rate. On the surface, it seems the return on startup investment is very low when measured by that statistic alone. What is difficult to measure are the overall benefits their experiences have on the economy. One failed business fosters knowledge on how to be more successful the next time. Another failed product becomes the seed for a better more successful product. This natural process affects all the people and organizations supporting entrepreneurs. Relationships and networks are developed that lead to opportunities for everyone involved whether it is with startups or growth stage businesses.

Being a part of New Enterprise Forum is participating in the growing entrepreneurial community. We get involved anticipating one thing and come away with so much more. We are inspired by the people we get to know. We learn about new technologies and successful business practices. We experience struggles with entrepreneurs during their business development. We are encouraged by their successes regardless of how large or how small. Out of our collective efforts, we are transformed into better business owners, professionals and entrepreneurial supporters. That is the New Enterprise Forum experience.

Happy 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary NEF with over 400 companies coached and lives forever enriched!

# The New Enterprise Forum Story

## How It All Began:

For 35 years, entrepreneurs who believe in the possibilities have gathered each month at the New Enterprise forum to strengthen our entrepreneurial community. It started in the mid-1980's, when Ann Arbor had one venture capital firm, no forums for entrepreneurs or investors and little infrastructure to support an entrepreneurial idea. Even so, Tom Porter had a notion. It was a small idea at first and gained momentum as he discovered other like-minded people who believed they could establish a forum where business professionals could exchange ideas. He sold the idea to 18 people who formed a board and pooled their expertise and the New Enterprise Forum was born.

The volunteer group was astounded and encouraged by the attendance at those first few meetings. The 35-year-old tradition of NEF meetings has shown tangible results. Jobs were created, revenues were produced, funding was secured, and key people and advisors were employed.

Equally important are the tangible results: the meetings that evolve into business partnerships, the introductions that connect an attorney or banker with a startup venture who needs their early counsel, the 'hello' that starts a friendship and matches a job with a key employee. There is not a good way to track it all, but it is the heart of a thriving entrepreneurial community – coaching entrepreneurs, connecting them with resources, and perfecting their investor pitch. It has been at the core of the NEF mission since the beginning and continues to this day.

## 1986 Showcase Presenters:

Rolforge, Ken Belmont  
CABA Medical products, Matthew Durda  
Advanced Marketing Solutions, Jim Flickenger  
Multives Corporation, Robert McCord  
Personal Biographic Software, Vic Rosenberg – Bibliographic data management software  
SoloHill Engineering, David Solomon  
Arborworks, John VanRoekel  
US TeleAd, Ray Waters – Public telephone advertising

## 1986 Awards:

American Association of Venture Capital Clubs National Winner – Representing NEF, Vic Rosenberg,  
Personal Bibliographic Software  
American Association of Venture Capital Clubs Top 5 National Finisher – Representing NEF, Ray Waters,  
U.S. TeleAd

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## 1987 Showcase Presenters:

Computerized Citation Systems, Doug Bacon – Ticket writer  
Booms Stone Col., Richard Booms – Commercial marble/granite contractor  
Positive Video Publishing, Eric Cress – Videos & teaching tools for elementary schools  
Foot Technology, Jack Fluharty – Insole systems  
Symorex, Dominic Imonti – High performance computer storage products  
Wheel Plus, Inc., Armin Jocz – 100 mpg passenger car alternative  
Protective Partition Systems, David Kahn – Clear protective shields for banks  
Creative Design Technologies, Joe Kobylak – CAD software  
Cold-A-Mation, Jack Lane – Robots for subfreezing environments  
Keltech, Kenneth Lutz – Tankless water heater  
Development Enterprises, Roger Mock – Wall Street board game for teens/adults  
Image Dynamics, Pat Petraitis – Image processing software for the science industry  
AM Compton Industries – Office furniture  
Athletic Training Services – Trainers to reduce corporate worker compensation costs  
Baytec, Inc – Turnkey network for dissimilar PCs  
Business Images  
GPS Systems, Inc. – Systems integrator & support for PCs  
Health Science Corporation – Healthcare products/services  
HEM Data Corp. – PC software for scientists & engineers  
Holo Source – 3D holographic imaging  
Integrated Personnel Systems, Inc. – HR software  
RAM Industries – Stump eater for land clearing & recycling  
Sportstar Computing, Inc. – Computer-based coaching aids

## 1987 Awards:

Best Presenter – Baytec, Jerry Robertson  
Best Entrepreneurial Idea – Integrated Design, Jim Carroll  
Most Tenacious – TN International, Todd Nessler

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## 1988 Showcase Presenters:

Marelco Power Systems, Peter Burgher – Automation of robotic welding operations  
Integrated Design, Jim Carroll – Automated payroll process linking software  
ToolBox Publications, Herb Cohen – Database summaries of published software reviews  
Colding International, Bert Colding – Productivity & Acct software for the metal-working industry  
Integrated Information Systems, Donald Criss, – Accounting software  
Rocket Corporation, Hal Davis – Eray lithography for semiconductors  
Friedman Productions, Alex Friedman – Independent TV & film production  
Powerboard, Jim Gilligan – Solution-specific products for IBM after market  
Hannah Information Systems, Bob Hannah – Electronic information on state legislative activity  
Emerald Intelligence, David Kennedy – Magellan artificial intelligence software  
Kirsch Technologies, Jerry Kirsch – Document & Info management software  
Jelene International, Cynthia Koff & Celine Pickell – Personal care products  
Masten Products, Mike & Cindy Masten – Microprocessor engine monitors for aircraft  
Homerun Services, David Rhoades – Home remodeling  
Obligo, Bill McDunnough – Adult game, state government during Blanchard  
T-Mech, Michael Naughton – Thermal performance analysis software  
Arbor Text, David Rodgers – Automation of robotic welding operations  
Seidl Computer Engineering, Carol & Andy Seidl – Software programming tools  
Soli-Tech, Casper Zublin – Treatment & disposal of oil field waste

## 1988 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Medstat Systems, Ernie Ludy  
Best Presentation – Friedman Productions, Alec Friedman  
Best Product Idea – Emerald Intelligence Inc., David Kennedy  
Best Business Idea – Jelene International, Celine Pickell

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## 1989 Showcase Presenters:

A Pouch, Cynthia Abdo – Ammunition holder for rapid reloading  
Clean Tape, Inc., Len Antic – Tape & film cleaners  
HomeTech Industries, Dave Barlow – Kitchen bath & home products  
Open Networks Engineering, Alan Bilinski – Online technology partner  
Animal Provider Organization, Jim Carpenter – Internet health services for domestic pets  
Kare-Tek, Jim Davis – Software products for mental health & drug treatment  
Diamond General Development Corp., Howard Diamond – Biomedical probes & sensors  
Access Computer Products, John Drennan – Recycle & refill printer toner cartridge provider  
BioQuant, Mickey Katz-Pek – Biosensors  
Automated Dance Music, Michael Kessler – Music tapes for hotels & restaurants  
Kirk Enterprises, John Kirkland – Eco-friendly panelized housing manufacturer  
Medlift Corp., Donald Merry – Electro-mechanical hoist for the physically disabled  
Paradigm Corp., Ron Pearsall – Manufacturer, marketer of designer area rugs  
Chinese Computer Communications, Jonathan Tien – Tech to convert Chinese to English & visa-versa  
Big Story Productions, Paul Turner – Full length feature film in Detroit  
Woolzie Putter Company, Bruce Woolsey – Manufacturer of novel putter & other golf products

## 1989 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Symplex Communications, George Brostoff  
Showcase Award – BioQuant, Mickey Katz-Pek  
Showcase Award – Open Networks Engineering, Alan Bilinsky  
Showcase Award – Access Computer Products, John Drennan

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## 1990 Showcase Presenters:

TriCounty Rubber Recyclers, Glenn Ballans – Recycle tires for resale to housing supply  
Creative Edge Corp., Jim Belilove – Waterjet manufacturing equipment  
Microvision & Control, David Bettinger – Personal electronic display for eyeglasses  
Access Computer Products, John Coffey – Toner cartridge recycler  
Travel Clubs, Inc., Bill Copkowski – Builder & seller of golf clubs  
Davis Made, Inc., Dan Davis – Mobility device for disabled to stand  
Lamb & Wool Improvement Project, Clayton Ernst – Planter of canola crop for a fuel alternative  
Primex, Dennis Feheley – Trading company with rights to Puden Vla a yogurt alternative  
Imagine, Inc., David Gregory – Multi-media product for training market  
Clinical Information Systems, Doug Kassab – Microprocessor medical device for patient monitoring  
All Truss Homes of America, Alfred Kloss – Patented home building with 25% in reduced costs  
Woodward Communications, Stephen Newman – Rentable sound stage  
Greff's Inc. (Kids Klub), John Sadler – For-profit day care center franchise  
Shoshana Technologies, Stanley Sternberg – Object oriented processing system software platform  
Argo Technologies, Dov Weizman – Software development tools for productivity  
Masten Products, Mike & Cindy Masten – Aircraft engine monitoring instruments  
Anodyne, Donald Merry – Lift for immobile patients

## 1990 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Ctext, Inc., Larry Moore  
Best presentation – Frankenmuth Poultry Co., Les Dale  
Best Business Idea – Clinical Information Systems, Inc., Doug Kassab  
Best Product Idea – Davis Made, Inc., Daniel Davis

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## 1991 Showcase Presenters:

Mortgage Management Systems, Charles Busch – Nationwide services  
Frankenmuth Poultry Co., Les Dale – Premium leaner & larger chicken product  
Lexicom Publishing, Diane Durance – Contract publishing providing customized newsletters  
ShuffleBowl Corporation, Donald liams – Family oriented board games  
L'Express Grocery, Dean Jeffery – Electronic grocery shopping system  
Hospital Financial Services, David Leonard – Purchase of hospital receivables for collection  
AeroSport, Jack Lousma – Metabolic analysis equipment  
Omni Jobs International, Lois Mayville – Handyman pros for residential markets  
Material Handling Products Co., Robert Morgan – Converter of plastics to higher-grade polymers  
James Games, James Muntz – Board & card games  
Venture One Associates, William Peters – Manages assets of Corbes, AirFlo sports bag  
Chemical Concept Corporation, Bert Ramsay – Patented chemical calculator for software education  
Professional Communications, Gary Salton – Job listings via 900 number  
Applied Engineering Technologies, Anthony Walsh – Prototype for predictive engineering  
Promics Corporation, Donald Walters – Patient care management software  
Tradco, Inc. – Quik-Ti system for joining steel bars

## 1991 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Aristoplay Limited, Jan Barney-Newman  
Best Presentation – Lexicom Publishing Group, Diane Durance  
Best Product Idea – Chemical Concepts, Bert Ramsey  
Best Business Idea – Material Handling Products, Robert Morgan  
Most Tenacious – Hardwood Designs, Bette Diem

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## 1992 Showcase Presenters:

Chateau Chantal, Robert Begin – Traverse City winery  
Amphion, Ken Burkhalter – Materials handling systems for warehousing transportation  
Scientific Corporation, John Dunn – Statistical quality control & analysis software  
Environmental Awareness Products, Paul Harlieb – Catalogue marketing firm  
Levy's Art Café, David Levy – Restaurant  
LANSTAR International, Elizabeth Nofs – Clinical Data Management software for psychiatry  
Arbor Research Corp., Blake Paterson – Oxygen generator technology for hospitals  
Sojourner Farms, Maria Ringo – All natural pet foods & supplies  
Professional Communications, Gary Salton – B2B telemarketing  
Starboard Software, Gary Shelef – Sailboat racing game for Apple, Windows  
Human Growth Systems, Kevin Watson – Skilled & unskilled home health personnel  
Custom Engineered Technologies, James Wood – Software development for market niche products

## 1992 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Perceptron, Inc., Dwight Carlson  
Best Business Idea – Arbor Research Corporation, Blake Paterson  
Best Presentation – Sojourner Farms, Maria Ringo

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## 1993 Showcase Presenters:

Vetgen, Inc., George Brewer – Genetic testing services for dog breeders  
GeoDemX Corp., Larry Brophy – Data management software for desktop mapping  
Silicon Dragon, Sheila Cameron – Tools for role playing game market  
Higgins D. Industries, Inc., Paul Higgins – Patented retractable garden hose guide  
Hydro-Life International, William Larson, Jr. – Flotation spa for stress management  
Kiosk Information Systems, Fred Montilla – Multi-lingual shoppers information system platform  
Research Media, Inc., Paul Nors – Customized software for Microsoft Physicians Workstation  
Inn Venture Sunset Lodge, Michael & Tammy Parker – Allegan County property for B&B  
Aastrom Biosciences, Inc., Pat Powell – Technology to grow stem & progenitor cells  
ServiceMax Tire & Autos Centers of Michigan, C. James Sabo – Re-fit of 27 Action Auto Centers  
Triada, Ltd., Michael & Tammy Safford – Patented tech for data compression of storage & archiving  
Agri Automation, Inc., John Wells – Automated programmable feeding system for veal calves

## 1993 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Mechanical Dynamics, Michael Korybalski  
Best Business Idea – Kiosk Information Systems, Fred Montilla  
Best Product Idea – Vetgen, Inc., George Brewer  
Most Tenacious – Silicon Dragon, Inc. Sheila Cameron

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## 1994 Showcase Presenters:

Ryphon Publishing Co., Wukkuan Arlinghaus – Custom publishing of academic course packs  
BELL Data Software Corp., Barry Belluci – Software applications with high-density barcode technology  
Sequencher, Howard Cash – Manipulator of DNA information  
Open Forum: Meet Mr./Ms. Right, Cynthia D-Amour – Relationship counseling locating services  
Assay Designs, Inc., Russell Hart – Chemiluminescent immunoassay kits  
CyberTech, Inc., Michael & Tammy Mansfield – Multimedia computer system for law enforcement  
Fascom, Inc., Norman Nazaroff – Factory automation software & RFID products  
Medical Cybernetic System, Sumer Pek – Computer products for health care professionals  
I-Max Information System, Roger Short – Only large sheet-fed & web press in Michigan  
Earthbound Environmental Creations, Inc., Ruth Ellen Stec – Products to educate public about nature  
Cascade Technology Corp., Richard Stusek – Rugged, notebook computer for field applications  
Tehnacraft Corp., Edward Tury – High quality gift items for catalogues  
Tachyon Data Systems, Inc., Thomas Wilmoth – Automotive infra-red research firm

## 1994 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Access Computer Products, John Drennan  
Best Presentation – Sequencher, Howard Cash  
Best Business Idea – Assay Designs, Russell Hart  
Most Tenacious – Agri Automation, Inc., John Wells

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## 1995 Showcase Presenters:

North America One Real Estate Services, Jerry Bresser – Franchise of real estate brokerage services  
Reach Industries, Inc., Barbara Franczyk – Patented dyes & mfg. processes for instant nail color  
Natura, Steve Mickel – Natural food additives & flavoring for food processing  
Vita Form, Marc Mueller – Fitness equipment “The Hammer”  
Raggedy Ann’s Center, Antoinette Robinson – Franchise of computerized children’s day care centers  
Solent High Intensity Soil Washing, Inc., Barry Shorthouse – Soil remediation equipment & services  
Victoria Golf, Jeff Sunden – Right Distance System for golf course distancing  
Image Set, Ralph Volk – Desktop publishing & digital color printing at one stop  
Isthmus Corporation, Sandford Walke – Internet access & services  
HEM Data Corp., Richard Walter – Data acquisition & analysis software for scientific engineering markets  
Black & White Dairy Production Mgmt., Dwight Zimmerman – ROI improvement for dairy farmers

## 1995 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Network Express, Dick Eidswick  
Entrepreneur Excellence – Medstat System, Ernie Ludy  
Best Presentation – Vital Form, Inc., Mark Mueller  
Most Tenacious – HEM Data Corporation, Richard Walter

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## 1996 Showcase Presenters:

Quantum Technologies, Brian Adsit – Mobile, locational tech products for the transportation industry  
Sierra Medical Systems, Mike Broussard – Surface & mattress system preventing bed sores  
Horizon Press, Robert Cavis – Copyright for four suspense novels for filmmaking  
Biotherapies, Paul Ervin – Human proteins for therapeutic products  
Accumed Systems, Mickey Katz-Pek – Medical devices for interventional cardiology  
Corsa Instruments, Eric Kauppi – Data acquisition system for auto racers  
Kennet Group, Kevin Kennet – Smart Shopping Network & Hawkins Printing & Mailing  
MediTrac, Eric Labe – Patient self-management products, wireless pager  
Advanced Modular Power Systems, George Levy – AMTEC power systems  
Worker Bee Brewing Company, Paul Phillipon – AA Micro Brewery  
Seidl Computer Engineering, Carol Seidl – Genitor product assists C & C++ coding

## 1996 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Coffee Beanery, Joanne Shaw  
Best Presentation – Accumed, Mickey Katz-Pek  
Second Time Around – Seidl Computer Engineering, Carol & Andy Seidl  
Most Tenacious – Biotherapies, Paul Ervin  
Entrepreneurial Excellence – Personal Bibliographic Software, Vic Rosenberg

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## 1997 Showcase Presenters:

PhycoTech, Ann Amand – Environmental consulting computerized algae identification system  
The Traverse Group, John Armstron – Services for contamination assessment & remediation  
Diazem Corporation, Melvin Cabey – Separation media for analysis & process operations  
Biomide, John Conway – Cancer treatment therapy products, patented compound  
Safety Hi-Lites, Jeff Hymer – High-mounted tail light assemblies  
Lynn Ltd., Mike Kurek & William Fry – Surgical instrument inventory systems  
TM Entertainment, Mark Lipowski – Website game “Hot Seat”  
Genitor Corporation, Carol Seidly – Software tool for C & C++ programming  
Synthon Corporation, David Strack – High purity chiral building blocks for pharma industry  
T/J Technologies, Maria Thompson – R&D nano-materials for storage & conversion devices  
Appointment Net, Steven Wagstaff – Automated appointment scheduling & confirmation  
Stardock Systems, Bradley Wordell – Game products “Galactic Civilization”

## 1997 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Aastrom Biosciences, Inc., Doug Armstrong  
Best Presentation – TM Entertainment, Joe Hagner & Mark Lipowski  
Best High Tech Concept for Commercialization – T/J Technologies, Maria Thompson

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## 1998 Showcase Presenters:

Merg Corporation, Todd Bacon – Custom CAD/CAM engineered foot support  
Rapid Wall Systems, Bill Beck – Precast concrete wall panels for basement crawl spaces  
Global Capital Management Corp., Jim Bellenir – Finance contracts for manufactured homes  
Blue Gill Technologies, Hal Davis – Financial software  
eXchange Solutions, Jim Luke & Sue Sweeney – Web-based electronic marketplace  
Advanced Solutions & Know How, Anil Menawat – “Affine” decision support software for mfg. firms  
D/E Technologies, Colleen & William O’Neill – Virtual 3-D technology for TV & projection enhancement  
Data-Pattern Index, Wesley Sampson – Data Analysis software for large databases  
Thromgen, Alvin Schmaier – Anticoagulants for arterial thrombosis therapies  
General Robotic Devices, Yansong Shan – Disposable non-latex catheter for colonoscopy  
STAR, Cynthia Sikina – Electronic billing system for physicians  
Cascade Technology Corp., Dick Stusek – LCD’s for mobile computing outdoors hands free applications  
Innovative building Components, Larry Ward – Polymer porch & deck spindles, vinyl railing  
Bay Port Aquacultural Systems, Forest Williams – Yellow perch aquaculture facility

## 1998 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Supply Tech Inc., Ted Annis  
Best Presentation – D/E Technologies, Colleen & William O’Neil  
Best Business Concept – STAR Ron Hirscht & Cynthia Sikina  
The Entrepreneurs Entrepreneur – Tom Porter, 13 years of NEF service

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XML Solutions, Michael & Tammy Bailey – SML products & services  
SelectWare Technologies, Jeffrey Connors – “GameZone” internet-based source of gaming info  
American Systems Technology Inc., Mike Ducker – Training/consulting firm with Chinese operations  
INUX, Wayne Gray – Bulk, pre-configured consumer computer software products  
Synergetic Micro Systems, Mike Justice – PC & OEM interface cards & software driver  
QED Services, Dennis McNeely – Fluid Spring suspension system  
Kera Cure, Riley Rees – Interactive wound dressing for pressure sores  
Cerebral Works, Inc., Sunil Sharma – Web-based, staged competitive bidding platforms  
Rosebud Solutions, Alicia Torres – Medical equipment management software for hospitals  
Chimeri Plan Technologies, Lee Tregerman – Innovative tissue culture processes for plan cultivation

## 1999 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – BlueGill Technologies, Hal Davis  
Best Presentation – Rosebud Solutions, Alicia Torres  
Best Business Idea – QED, Dennis McNeely  
Most Tenacious – Synergetic Micro Solutions, Rick Goldstein

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Invitations Now.com, Eudora Adolph – Integrated websites for event planning & marketing  
Object Identification Systems, David Batkie – 3-D asset identification & monitoring systems  
iKnowvator, Inc., Richard Clements – Software for business consulting solutions “Idea Manager”  
iNetShelves.com, Richard Clements – Software for web/database development for retail stores  
HomeRun Services, Diane Durance – Comprehensive home services  
Marketing Jobs.com, Woody Haskins – Online recruiting resource  
PDS Technology, Mary Juras – Web-enabled product suite for product development  
SenSecure, Carin Krishnan – Intelligent recognition systems, fingerprint recognition  
RU Reel products, Harley Luplow – Portable audio communication devices  
Seeds Choices.com, Rick Mason – Website to purchase & research seed  
GOTODoc.com, Alan Priest – Website to facilitate healthcare management  
Adventures2K.com, Paul Stafford – Travel & recreation information publisher  
Credendo Communications, Troy Stein – Synchronized video/PowerPoint software  
Eberwhite Data Technologies, Dave Weinerth – Wireless telemetry for remote inventory monitoring

## 2000 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Genomic Solutions, Jeff Williams  
Best Business Presentation – Homerun Services, Diane Durance  
Best Presentation – Credendo Communications, Troy Stein  
Best Business Idea – iNetShelves, Richard Clements

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## 2001 Showcase Presenters:

Portfolio Builders, Inc., Owen Bowers – Financial product eliminating brokerage commissions  
CouponByDemand, James Dougherty – Virtual advertising & media  
Envision Real Estate Software, Tom Ervin – Real estate property & agent marketing tools  
Athena Data, Frank Hunt – Real time machine operating date for increased production  
TerraSeer, Nicholas Jacquez – Environmental Analysis Software  
Truck Emission Control Tech., Ray Kammel – Diesel emission technology converter  
Intermodal Innovations, Christopher Kazor – Shipping system components  
Manitu Communications, Alan Klein – Web-hosted tool for large project management  
Osteomics, Michael Long – Bone growth outside the body  
RetroAccess, Stephen Markel – Diamond Bullet spin off, improvement of website accessibility  
Global DSL Communications, Matt Rooyackers – Broadband internet deployment using laser technology  
Osantis, Oleg Svintsitski – Scanning, diagnosis & monitoring of osteoporosis  
D’Vergent Design, Aaron Travis – Patented portable contact lens care kit “Lens Gear”  
CoEnergies, Dennis Weston – High efficiency heating & cooling systems  
Elationship Builders, Mike Whelan – Email marketing products & services

## 2001 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Esperion Therapeutics, Roger Newton  
Best Presentation – TerraSeer, Nicholas Jacquez  
Best Business Idea – Osteomics, Michael Long  
Most Tenacious – Elationship Builders, Mike Whelan

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## 2002 Showcase Presenters:

Adaptive Materials, Aaron Crumm – Solid oxide fuel cell stack  
Power Laser Inc., Ralph Davis - Laser tech device for paint removal  
Mobius Microsystems, Rick Goldstein – Silicon technology products  
Interlink Networks, Mike Klein – Wireless authentication security  
5nQ, Thaddeus MacKrell – Inventory management for clinics & hospitals  
EximWare, Girish Minocha – Trade life cycle management for agricultural  
Secure 24, Rich Pirrotta – Internet data security for banks  
Visionary Enterprises, Stephen Prehn – Home monitoring technology  
Molecular Therapeutics, Brian Ross – Non-invasive image of biological process  
Unitech Pharmaceuticals, JJ Shaw, Cancer treatment  
Xoran Technologies, Predrag Sukovic – Portable CAT scanner

## 2002 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – GeneCodes, Howard Cash  
Best Presentation – Adaptive Materials, Aaron Crumm  
Best Business Idea – 5nQ, Thaddeus MacKrell  
Best Business Solution – Eximware, Girish Minocha

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## 2003 Showcase Presenters:

Integrated Sensing Systems, Michael Ammann – Micro drug infusion products  
Herkules Equipment Corp., Todd Bacon – Programmable lifts  
Sonetics Ultrasound, Jennifer Baird – 3D/4D ultrasound technology  
Product Animations, Inc., Curtis Begley – VRTrain software for desktop simulation  
Crime Cog, Tim Daley – Justice information system  
PioCel Instruments Corp., Angelo Gaitas – Thermal microscope for semiconductor  
Roger, Inc., John Gary – Training workout software  
Afmedica, Mina Sooch – Scar tissue prevention

## 2003 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Assay Designs, Inc., Barbara Scheuer & Russel Hart  
Best Presentation – Product Animations, Kurtis Begley  
Best Business Model – Crime Cog, Tim Daley  
Best Technology – Sonetics Ultrasound, Jennifer Baird

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## 2004 Showcase Presenters:

Campus K 12, Phil Cammillo – Educations software  
XataWave, Tom Hines – Deployable alert system for remote emergency signal  
QSS Engineered Systems Group, Tom Kelly – Software customization for high variation  
DCM Associate, Deborah Marmarelli – Online training for hazmat business  
Palo Verde ETS, David Rush – Hummingbird car  
VenTech, Jeremy Sanger – Supplemental auto heater  
Ennew Medical Devices, Mel Valkner – Patient transportation  
AvaCore, Allen Dumont – Portable body cooling device

## 2004 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – i3Statprobe, Inc., Lora Schwab  
Best Presentation & Implementation of Business Plan – QSS Engineered Systems, Tom Kelly  
Best Business Model – XataWave, Tom Hines  
Best Technology – VenTech, Jeremy Sanger

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## 2005 Showcase Presenters:

Self-Guided Systems, LLC, Paul Angott – Unmanned navigations systems  
ChecktheCrib, Oliver Baer – Internet-based spare parts procurement  
Accuri Cytometers, Jennifer Baird – Flow cytometer for research & clinical diagnostics  
Coherix, Dwight Carlson – Digital holographic imaging  
Rapid BioSense, John Cunningham – Bacteria/Virus detection technology  
Mindwords, Terry Dunivin – Learning assistance software & learning center  
ProSense Technologies, Neil Dueweke – Sensors for cargo shipping  
ThreeFold Sensors, Judith Erb – Fiber optic sensors for bio diagnostics  
EnCel, Doug Finch – Fuel cell partner  
Presign, Todd Mielke – Web-based product life cycle management software  
PMC Environmental Technologies, Ron Panter – Waste water cleansing technology to eliminate fats & oil  
ElectroJet, Kyle Schwulst – Fuel injection technology for small engines  
Spirit Shop, Todd Sullivan – Customized school merchandise

## 2005 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – QuatRX, Robert Zerbe  
Best Presentation – Check The Crib, Oliver Baer  
Best Business Model – Mindworks, Terry Dunivan  
Best Technology – ThreeFold Sensors, Judith Erb  
Entrepreneurial Excellence – Accuri Cytometers, Jennifer Baird

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## 2006 Showcase Presenters:

Telurex, Clyde McKenzie – Thermo-electric heating & cooling systems  
ERT Systems, LLC, Dennis Carmichael – System for tracking personnel & equipment  
Hybra Drive Systems, Jim O'Brien – Hydraulic hybrid power train  
MyST Technology Partners, Andy Seidl – Creates useful Web 2.0 products & services  
Play Data, Tim Locke – Sports event video broadcasting system  
Environmental Transportation Systems, Richard Marks – Electric, low speed vehicle under \$10k  
TECAT Engineering, Laura Dillman – Wireless torque sensing  
Creative ByLine, Brad MacLean – Web system for matching authors & publishers  
Rapid BioSence, John Cunningham – Biosensor  
BrideSpeak, Jon Poploski – Interactive speech recognition  
Actium, Jim Collins – High touch, low cost retirement account services

## 2006 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Entyre, Dick Beedon  
Best Presentation – ERT Systems, LLC, Dennis Carmichael  
Best Business Model – BridgeSpeak, Jon Poploskie  
Most Innovative Product – Hybra-Drive Systems Jim O'Brien

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## 2007 Showcase Presenters:

Omni Sciences, Inc., Paul Moore – Broadband technology with infrared biosensor  
OtoMedicine, Inc., Peter Boxer – Hearing loss prevention vitamin  
M-bots, Inc., Sridhar Lakshmanan – Robot for military sensing  
The 9<sup>th</sup>Xchange, Inc., John Bonaccorso – Consumer-to-consumer digital transactions  
Buttoned Up, In., Alicia Rockmore – Organizing materials & products  
TuneVUZ, Inc., Ron Suarez – Web-based software for music promotions  
Procuit, Inc., Tom Meloch – Education software for memory-based testing  
BioLumix, Ruth & Gideon Eden – Microbiologic testing  
GeneVivo, Sean Ainsworth – Transgenic rodents  
EdgeHealth, Keith Wittrup – Rehabilitation therapy device

## 2007 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Asterand Randal Charlton  
Best Presentation – Razor Threat, Greg Guidice  
Best Technology – GeneVivo, Sean Ainsworth  
Best Business Strategy – BioLumix, Ruth & Gideon Eden

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## 2008 Showcase Presenters:

Torrey Path, Peter Dresslar – Pharma & biotech decision software  
Renovo Power Systems, Adarsh Das – Solar power inverter system  
Pattern Clock, Yue Fan – Sophisticated alarm clock  
Fontis Medical, Matt Gibson – Large molecule delivery process  
MSignS, Jason Gilbert – 3D virtual sign language converter  
Lambert Technologies, Todd Gross – Surface stress diagnostics for manufacturers  
DevHive, Mike Burba – Software component service  
SciTech, Earle Holsapple – Cancer drug  
Ops Solutions, Jim Ryzner – Light guided system instructions  
RealKidz, Merrill Guerra – Plus size kid's clothing & community  
AureoGen, Ake Elhammer – Anti-fungal drug discovery  
Hygieia, Eran Bashan – Glucose meter for diabetics  
Clean Emission Fluids, Oliver Baer – Biofuel storage & dispensing  
Vortex Hydro Energy, Gerry Roston – Wave energy

## 2008 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Health Media, Ted Dacko  
Best Presentation – SciTech, Earle Holsapple  
Best Business Model – Torrey Path, Peter Dresslar  
Best Technology – AureoGen Biosciences, Ake Elhammer

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## 2009 Showcase Presenters:

Windsight, Peter Tochoryk – Wind measurement lasers  
Dermanaut, Jonathan Baugh – Software for dermatologists  
SPINN, Doug Dormer – Ubiquitous electronic medical record with consumer access  
Ventech, Jeremy Sanger – Vehicle heating technology  
Husk, Ian Dailey – Bio-friendly husk insulation  
Blaze Medical Devices, Michael Tarasev – Viability test for banked blood  
Grade Check, Shelia McBride & Al Bacon – Web software guiding high school athletes to college  
Bandals, Tom Sesti – Sandals with exchangeable tops  
Audiallo, Aaron Nelson – Hearing aid microchip  
BioLogic Engineering, Chuck Cole – Advanced rehabilitation & workout equipment  
Advanced Battery Concepts, Ed Shaffer – Biopolar battery technology  
Algal Scientific, Paul Horst – Algae-based waste water treatment  
DEEN, Tekisha Lee – Diversity job search website

## 2009 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Handy Lab, Sundu Brahmasandra & Kalyn Handique  
Best Presentation – Dermanaut, Jonathan Baugh  
Best Business Model – Algal Scientific, Paul Horst  
Best Technology – Audiallo, Aaron Nelson

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## 2010 Showcase Presenters:

Inventure Enterprises, Robert Fulk – Integrated background check software  
Current Motor, Peter Scott – Electric scooter  
FamilyMint, Jeff Eusebio – Software for kid's money management  
RetroSense Therapeutics, Sean Ainsworth – Pharma solution to treat blindness  
In-Pore Technologies, Gerry Roston – Nanoparticle additive for polymer materials  
Knowledge Watch, Don Hogan – Integrated news feed  
IX Innovations, Ian Dailey & Greg Marek – Picometer to measure low voltage  
Local Orbit, Erika Block – Software connecting local food growers & suppliers  
SendGCash, Bill Clark – Software to facilitate inter-company cash transfers  
GPX Software, Rick Goldstein – Financial modeling

## 2010 Awards:

25<sup>th</sup> NEF Anniversary Lifetime Achievement Award – Dick Sarns  
25<sup>th</sup> NEF Anniversary Tom Porter Leadership Award – Tom Porter  
Entrepreneur of the Year – Arbor Networks, Farnam Jahanian  
Best Presentation – FamilyMint, Jeff Eusebio  
Best Business Model – Inventure Enterprises, Robert Fulk  
Best Technology – RetroSense Therapeutics, Sean Ainsworth

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## 2011 Showcase Presenters:

MitoStem, Jim Eliason – Research reagent & instrument firm for stem cell harvest & storage  
Therapy Charts, Ryan Dibble – SaaS electronic patient records for therapist industry  
Sunapten, Jim Mobley – Therapeutic vaccine technology cancer & autoimmune diseases  
My Interactive Vision, Jim Jung – Cell phone technology to display live info on public TVs, bars, etc.  
Fusion Coolant Systems, Tom Gross – Next generation coolant fluid systems for mfg. industry  
Electromotive, Inc., John Sabino – Efficient, low-cost small motor for vehicles  
GCI Global Healthcare Solutions, Naren Balasubramaniam – Alternative solutions for medical tourism  
CYJ Enterprises, Carole Johnson – Web-based system connecting families & medical professionals  
Brio Device, Hannah Hensel – Medical intubation device  
ArborWind, Dilip Nigam – Vertical axis wind turbine  
3D Biomatrix, Laura Schrader – Cell & tissue growth tools for drug testing & discovery  
Next Gen Metabolomics, Inc., Felice DeJong – Biotechnology stress measurement technology

## 2011 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Accuri Cytometers, Jen Baird  
Best Presentation – Sunapten, James Mobley  
Best Business Model – Fusion Coolant Systems, Tom Gross  
Best Technology – NextGen Metabolomics, Felice DeJong

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## 2012 Showcase Presenters:

Varsity News Networks, Ryan Vaughn – Website platform to generate new revenue for youth athletics  
LogiCoul, David Stout – Technology to increase rechargeable battery capacity  
Vestaron, Bob Kennedy – Non-toxic to vertebrates & environment-friendly insecticides  
Advanced Cooling Therapies, Eric Kulstad – Patient cooling technology to improve patient outcomes  
Sterility, Hal Zeima – Body-worn hand sanitizer & recording system for hospitals  
SurClean, Susan Sprentall – Laser paint removal system for the commercial aircraft industry  
Patient Provider Communications, Jon Baugh – Sophisticated patient to nurse communication system  
HistoSonics, Christine Gibbons - Prostatic histotripsy system

## 2012 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Compendia Bioscience, Dan Rhodes  
Best Presentation – Patient Provider Communications, Jon Baugh  
Best Business Model – Advanced Cooling Therapies, Kirk Kulstad  
Best Technology – HistoSonics, M. Christine Gibbons

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## 2013 Showcase Presenters:

Eco-Fueling, LLC, Paul Chandler – Diesel assist technology to improve fuel economy  
Coliant Corporation, John Swiatek – Powerlet connects electrical devices to motorcycles  
ONL Therapeutics, Rali Kerppola – Ophthalmic therapy preventing vision loss to retinal disease  
Ad Adapted, LLC, Molly McFarland – Banner ad apps for mobile phones & games  
Avegant Corp., Edward Tang – Head mounted displays for military, medical & consumer industries  
ENT Biotech, Andrea Dickson – Novel disposable tool for removing tonsils & adenoids  
GAPro System, Herb Gibson – Risk management solution provider for the insurance industry  
Ornicept, Justin Otani – Software analytic tech measuring interactions between birds & wind farms  
Fusepoint, Udi Naamani – Software platform to improve sales for independent auto repair shops

## 2013 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Livo Connect, Jake Sigal  
Best Overall Presentation – ENT Solutions, LLC, Andrea Dickson  
Best Presentation – Ad Adapted, Molly McFarland  
Best Business Model – GAPro, Herb Gibson  
Best Technology – Avegant Corp., Edward Tang

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## 2014 Showcase Presenters:

Roomations, Katie Miller – B2C interior design for average homeowners  
PHASIQ, Shuichi Takayama – Protein biomarker validation for prediction & drug efficiency measurement  
A2B Bikeshare, Agar Strother – Bike sharing for metropolitan areas  
PicoSpray, Lihang Nong – Fuel injection systems for small engines  
DataSpeaks, Dennis Nash – Software for repurposing drugs  
Foodjunky.com, Travis Johnson – Online food ordering service  
Genomenon, Mark Kiel – Genomic sequencing analysis software  
Myfab5, Omeid Seraifipour – Online restaurant ranking application  
Simpathic, Dan Reiss – Tablet based learning program for medical students  
Exodynamics, Mushir Khwaja – Surgeon interactive back braces  
Advanced Interactive Response Systems, Valerie Obenchain – Oxygen system alarms

## 2014 Awards:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Carcode SMS, Steve Schwartz  
Best Presentation – Roomations, Katie Miller  
Best Business Model – A2 Bikeshare, Ansgar Strother  
Best Technology – Genomenon, Mark Kiel

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## 2015 Showcase Presenters:

Blue Water Satellite, Milt Baker – Satellite geological exploration  
Pelico, Amer Abughaida & Imen Alem – Wheelchair manufacturer that can go up stairs  
Mountain Labs, Alex VanDerKolk – Software mgmt. platform to broker access to sensitive health info  
MakerOS, Mike Mocerri – Operating system for 3D printing business  
Mobileteer, Dave Alexander – Brandable Wi-Fi & promotions platform  
Transcuro, Lauren Shampo – Post acute care services matching  
ContentOro, Bob Chunn – Reputable content provider for websites  
Do-TheDoc, Dimitris Papageorgiou – Secure messaging platform for healthcare organizations  
Workit Health, Lisa McLaughlin – Software platform providing care & support to substance abusers

## 2015 Awards:

30<sup>th</sup> NEF Anniversary Tom Porter Leadership Award – Tom Kinnear  
Entrepreneur of the Year – Cohort FS, LLC, Elizabeth Ziph  
Best Presentation – Workit Health, Lisa McLaughlin  
Best Business Model – ContentOro, Bob Chunn  
Best Technology – Blue Water Satellite, Milt Baker

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## 2016 Showcase Presenters

AOE Medical, Arianna Carley – Medical device that solves the problem of patient transfer  
Odeum Learning, Ian Natzmer – Software that reshapes how teachers engage students with content  
Alchemie, Julia Winter – Providing mobile games for higher education in organic chemistry  
LegalEase, Tariq Hafeez – Software platform capitalizing on a visionary legal eco-system  
TrueJob, Scott Goci – Software platform that changes how you find your next job  
Brightable, David Vanker – Software for collaboration, team communication and project management  
PlanetXLaw, Bert Tiger Whitehead – Software uniquely enabling lawyers to provide more legal services  
Parabricks, Mehrzad Samadi – Genome sequencing software from data to insight in just one hour  
Ripple Science, Nestor Lopez-Duran – Software system to manage research participants more efficiently

## 2016 Awards

Entrepreneur of the Year – RetroSense, Sean Ainsworth  
Best Presentation – Ripple Science, Nestor Lopez-Duran  
Best Business Model – PlanetXLaw, Bert Tiger Whitehead  
Best Technology – Parabricks, Mehrzad Samadi

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## 2017 Showcase Presenters

Melius, AkkeNeel Talsma – Software point-of-care improvement solution  
MySwimPro, Fares Ksebati – Personalized workouts to swim smarter  
Clingfish, Tasneen Bowe – Vacuum accessory for aluminum-bodied vehicles  
Carrot Pass, Michael Antaran – Mobile app that rewards people financially for walking  
Spellbound, Christina York – Mobile technology to distract children during medical treatments  
Mi Padrino, Kimberly Gamez – Event software for the global Hispanic event market  
Circadian Risk, Daniel Young – IOS apps and SaaS for security professionals to increase efficiency  
TwoScoreTwo, Sam Savant – Blockchain technology for the supply chain  
Clicktivated, Chris Roebuck – Technology to make ads interactive to convert to sales

## 2017 Awards

Entrepreneur of the Year – Groundspeed, Jeff Mason  
Best Presentation – Spellbound, Christina York  
Best Business Model – Mi Padrino, Kimberly Gamez  
Best Technology – Clicktivated, Chris Roebuck

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## 2018 Showcase Presenters

Mandy & Pandey, Christopher Lin - Teaching American Kids Chinese with interest and fun.  
CoPilot Vision Systems, John Gray – A rear view vision system for the commercial heavy-duty trucks.  
MedKairos, Michael Moore – MedKairos is automating the cancer biopsy assessment process.  
Advaita, Sorin Draghici – Advanced tools to improve drug development and patient care.  
Ascape Audio, Paul Schrems – A wireless technology design company with true wireless earbuds.  
HLX Engines, Evan Collins – Building an innovative multi-fuel combustion engine for increased efficiency.  
SmileBond, Dr. William C. Vuillemot – Helping dentists to deliver brilliant smiles to their patients.  
Legacy Shave, Mike Gutow – A unique and patented technology for better shaving experience.

## 2018 Awards

Entrepreneur of the Year – Dug Song, Duo Security, Inc.  
NEF Rising Star of the Year – Lisa McLaughlin, Workit Health  
Best Presentation – Pathware, Inc. (Formally MedKairos), Michael Moore  
Best Business Model – SmileBond, Dr. William C. Vuillemot  
Best Technology – HLX Engines, Evan Collins

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EagleView Imaging, Francis Glorie, CEO  
eScapes Network, Robert Oklejas, Co-Founder & CEO  
Giggso, Ravi Venugopal, Founder & CEO  
InheRET, Dr. David Keren, CEO  
Life Magnetics, Kevin Hagedorn, Ph.D., Founder & President

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Entrepreneur of the Year – Danny Ellis, Skyspecs  
NEF Rising Star of the Year – Fares Ksebati, MySwimPro  
Best Presentation – InheRET, David F. Keren, MD  
Best Business Model – eScapes Network, Robert Oklejas  
Best Technology – Life Magnetics, Kevin Hagedorn

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AuraLab, Robert Alexander, Co-Founder & CEO  
CardioGenerics, Bill O’Neil, Founder & CEO  
Connect to My Attorney, Peter Staver, Founder & CEO  
eSimplify, Pradeep Kalmat, Founder & CEO  
Modus, Ali Alhimiri, Founder  
RIZZARR, Ashley Williams, Founder & CEO  
ZoomBroom (Aceleon), Randy Kuchuck, Co-Inventor and CEO

## 2020 Awards

Entrepreneur of the Year – WorkIt Health, Robin McIntosh & Lisa McLaughlin  
Best Presentation – RIZZARR, Ashley Williams  
Best Consumer Product – ZoomBroom, Randy Kuchuck  
Best Technology – CardioGenerics, Bill O’Neil

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