



From the Managing Director.....

New Program Manager:

It's a pleasure to welcome Charlotte Chandok as our new Program Manager. Charlotte will be responsible for enrolling entrepreneurs as members of Innovation DuPage, and for facilitating many of our programs, including member Meetups and Owner to CEO business accelerator program. Make sure you stop by to say hi!

Much Appreciated:

Thank you to Curt and Patrick Spallone of CompuRay, as well as Melissa Villanueva, ID's Entrepreneur in Residence and founder of Brewpoint Coffee, for their presentations last week. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about CompuRay's innovative medical staffing solutions and received a preview of Melissa's upcoming grant writing workshop, which is scheduled to take place later this month. You can always access our presentations [here](#).

Coming Up:

- **Grant Writing Workshop, 08.28:** Join Melissa Villanueva, Brewpoint Coffee CEO and Innovation DuPage's Entrepreneur in Residence, to learn strategic grant writing. Melissa has grown her business from a single shop to a thriving enterprise, raising \$650,000+ in grants without equity loss. Discover how to craft compelling narratives, use AI to enhance proposals, and align opportunities with your goals. Gain insights on storytelling, prioritization, identifying opportunities, and building funder relationships to perfect your grant pitch. To secure your spot, [click here](#).
- **Member Meetup, 08.21:** At our upcoming Member Meetup, Ron Farnum, founder of Forge Brandworks, and Damen Jackson will be featured as our Member Spotlight and will be leading a Problem Solving session. Ron will be sharing valuable insights from his 25+ years of experience in major consumer branding. Additionally, he will be drawing from his experience as one of the pilot companies in the AI Innovation Collaborative with Datatelligent and ID.

Sign up to present at an upcoming Member Meetup:

Showcase your business at our upcoming Member Meetup! We're looking for members to present as our Member Spotlight, ID Member Resource, or host a Problem Solving session. This is your chance to present your work, share your achievements, and connect with fellow entrepreneurs. Reach out to IDvermaa@innovationdupage.org and CC IDanushkav@gmail.com to sign up.

Let us help you share your success with the ID community!

Share a win from this week – big or small. It could be featured in our next letter! Email your accomplishment to: IDmaceyh@innovationdupage.org

Many thanks, and have a great week,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Dan Facchini'.

Dan Facchini,
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