



From the Managing Director.....

ID Member Exclusive: Exploring the AI Landscape with Microsoft

Chicago: Innovation DuPage members are invited to join a special training session on April 8 at 2:00 p.m. at College of DuPage (SRC 2000) with Nisaini Rexach, Microsoft Chicago's Head of Community Engagement. This session will explore AI's impact on the workplace, prompt engineering best practices, and practical strategies using Microsoft Copilot. [Register today](#) to secure your spot!

Congratulations Construction Owner-2-CEO Graduates!

- Alejandro Macias – All Carpentry Concepts
- Aneta Wolski – Integ Construction & Management
- Ariana Cornejo – Warrior One Trucking
- Beatriz Trigueros – Luxury Marble Granite Design Inc
- Cresy Padilla – JCV Transportation Inc.
- Ebone Porch & Eric Henderson – Skyrocket Logistics
- Jim Williams – Certified Property Solutions Inc.
- Jorge Alvarez – BLVD Trucking
- Jose (Jesse) Herrera – Drain King
- Miguel Lopez – Lopez Industries Inc.
- Noemi Luna – Prado L Construction Corp.
- Salvador Sorto – Sorto's Climate Solutions LLC
- Yorli Huff – DPY Management Inc.
- Yun Rodriguez – Roco Remodeling

Welcome New ID Members!

- Chris Tataris
- Gerard DiCola - Learn Local
- Hana Malik - Inspiring Consultant Services, LLC

ID Room Reservations Are Now Available!

You can now reserve a room through the ID Member Portal. Contact [Anushka Verma](#), ID's IT Project Manager, to guide you through the platform - whether it's to reserve an office, to log in for the first time, or to help you navigate specific features of the portal. She's here to help!

Much Appreciated

Thank you to Sumera Galvez from [Aura Holistic & Metaphysical Wellness](#) and Giuseppe Veneziano from Old National Bank for their valuable presentations at our recent meetup. Sumera, an Owner-2-CEO graduate, shared her holistic wellness practices and her passion for making these services accessible to marginalized communities. Giuseppe highlighted the importance of building a strong relationship with your banker and discussed Old National Bank's services including their Empowerment Small Business Loan Program for minority and women-owned businesses.

Connect with Cleantech Leaders on CTLR's New Slack Channel

The Cleantech Leaders Roundtable (CTLR) has launched an exclusive Slack channel that's already connecting over 50 industry leaders. If you work in the cleantech industry, this is your opportunity to join this growing professional community.

The platform offers a valuable space to network with peers, share insights, and stay updated on the latest industry developments. Take advantage of this new resource to expand your connections in the clean technology sector. Contact [Dan Facchini](#) to learn more.

LinkedIn Badges

Enhance your professional profile by adding Innovation DuPage to LinkedIn!

- Members can add "Innovation DuPage Member" under the "Experience" tab.
- Mentors can showcase their contributions under "Volunteering."
- Owner-2-CEO Program graduates can add their achievement under "Licenses & Certifications."

Updating your profile helps tell your unique entrepreneurship journey while connecting with our dynamic ID community.

Coming up:

- **Member Meetup, 04.16:** Mark your calendars for our upcoming Member Meetup featuring Paco Orozco, Construction Owner-2-CEO graduate and President of Techno Ltd., as our Member Spotlight. Phil Brown, SCORE Fox Valley mentor, will join us as our Member Resource. Stay tuned for additional details!
- **WGN Radio, Your Money Matters: Dr. Maureen Dunne and Scott Filer, 04.16:** Tune in to "Your Money Matters" with Jon Hansen on WGN Radio AM 720 on Wednesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Maureen Dunne of Autism Angels, Dan Facchini of Innovation DuPage, and Scott Filer of ProMedix will discuss the Neurodiverse Entrepreneur Program (NDEP). Created in partnership between Autism Angels and ID, this program supports entrepreneurs with cognitive differences. Scott, a successful NDEP graduate, will share his company's PeriFRL technology that detects sepsis in seconds. Don't miss this discussion on entrepreneurship and inclusion.
- **ID Workshop: Emotional Intelligence for Entrepreneurs, 04.23:** Join ID Member and Owner-2-CEO graduate Jules Wilhelm on April 23 at 5:30 p.m. to discover how Emotional Intelligence can transform your business. Learn one actionable EQ skill to implement immediately, understand how EQ training increases productivity by 20% and profitability by 40%, and benefit from Jules' nearly 30 years of leadership development expertise. [Register now](#) to develop this crucial skill for business success!
- **ID Member Exclusive: Cleantech Leaders Chicago Lunch, 05.01:** You're invited to join Cleantech Leaders for an exclusive luncheon sponsored by Innovation DuPage on Thursday, May 1st at the Union League Club in Chicago. Featuring guest speaker Jigar Shah, one of Time's 100 Most Influential People of 2024 and a trailblazer in the cleantech sector. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with Jigar and learn about the future of sustainable technology and its impact on our world. Connect with fellow leaders, share insights, and collaborate with the Chicago cleantech community from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM CT. Interested in attending? Contact [Dan Facchini](#) directly.

Sign up to present at an upcoming Member Meetup

Showcase your business at a 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. Sign up [here](#).

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 [Hannah Macey](#).

Reminder: Innovation DuPage is open for members as a coworking space 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

Many thanks, and have a great week,

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