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## OUR PARTNERS

### Management Partner



JumpStart's mission is to unlock the full potential of diverse and ambitious entrepreneurs to economically transform entire communities. In response to the need for job and wealth creation in Northeast Ohio, the region's civic, community, and philanthropic leaders came together in 2003 and provided the vision and leadership for a solution: a unique partnership between public and private entities charged with creating economic transformation in Northeast Ohio through the growth of an entrepreneurial ecosystem.

### Capital Partner



The Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) works to support Ohio's businesses, large and small, as they maneuver in the global economy. Whether a company is established in the state and looking to expand, a technology company ready to move from the lab to commercialization, or an entrepreneur establishing a new small retail business, ODSA has resources to assist these businesses as they grow.

### Education Partner



PNC offers a wide range of services for all their customers, from individuals and small businesses, to corporations and government entities. No matter how simple or complicated your needs, PNC is sure to have the products, knowledge and resources necessary for financial success. PNC works hard to provide the easiest way to bank and invest to help customers achieve financial well-being. They provide a great customer experience through the branches, care center, ATMs, online and mobile solutions.

### Annual Meeting Partner



Founded by 65 lawyers in 2003, Tucker Ellis LLP has strategically grown to more than 220 lawyers serving clients nationwide from seven locations: Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and St. Louis. They aspire to two simple but lofty goals: to provide everyone they encounter with a better law firm experience and to make a career for everyone who works there. They are proud to serve a Fortune 250 list of national litigation clients, national and international intellectual property clientele, and sophisticated business clients.

### Summer Barbeque Meeting Partner



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## INNOVATION COUNCIL MEMBERS



The vision of the College of Business and Economics at Ashland University is to be the provider of choice of managerial resources to organizations in the geographical areas they serve. Their mission is to help their students achieve those competencies most prized by organizations wishing to hire or promote individuals into positions of increasing responsibility.



The business law firm of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs has served the Akron, Canton and Cleveland areas for over 100 years. They have thrived over the years because of their work ethic. Their long history in the region reflects the depth of experience their attorneys possess, not only in the practice of law, but in the industries they live and breathe every day. They know that they have to understand your business in order to protect it, a philosophy established by their founding fathers.



Cleveland Clinic Innovations (CCI), the commercialization arm of Cleveland Clinic, turns medical breakthrough inventions of our caregivers into patient-benefiting medical products and companies. Cleveland Clinic inventions are born out of a renowned innovative culture in which critical mass is deployed to continually advance patient care. CCI uses a unique approach to assess, protect, build, test and market the most promising ideas of our 51,000+ caregivers.



FirstEnergy is a forward-thinking electric utility powered by a diverse team of employees committed to making customers' lives brighter, the environment better and our communities stronger. FirstEnergy is dedicated to safety, reliability and operational excellence. Headquartered in Akron, Ohio, FirstEnergy's 10 electric distribution companies form one of the nation's largest investor-owned electric systems.



The Global Center for Health Innovation is a one-of-a-kind 200,000-square-foot collaborative venue and workspace for biohealth industry partners, entrepreneurs and investors. The Global Center draws thousands from around the world every year for events, conferences and competitions to foster healthcare innovation and tackle health challenges that are too big for any entity to solve alone.



Their story begins in Akron, Ohio, during World War II. Goldie Lippman worked to manufacture tires and rubber products in one of Akron's many rubber factories, where she discovered how difficult it was to clean her hands after a day's work. The harsh chemicals present in the cleaners of the time took a toll on workers' hands, and Goldie and her husband Jerry set out to find a better solution.



Located at Kent State University, the College of Business Administration strives for excellence in all that they do, and that commitment shows in the strength of their programs and partnerships with the business community. They are home to the Center for Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation, which continues to launch student businesses each year into the Northeast Ohio entrepreneurial ecosystem to grow their region's economy.



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Meaden & Moore offers tax, accounting, forensic, business consulting and wealth management services. For 100 years, Meaden & Moore's focus has been to help clients succeed in the broadest terms. Whether it be a hard-working family or large corporation, Meaden & Moore assists in navigating the ever-changing financial landscape with a commitment to knowing your business like it's their own.



Founded in 1893, Cleveland-based, and employee-owned, Oswald is one of the nation's largest independent insurance brokerage and risk management firms. As a proud Partner of Assurex Global, the world's largest association of privately held insurance brokers, our risk management professionals service and support the needs of our clients worldwide.



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PR 20/20 believes an agency's value is measured in outcomes, not outputs. They run integrated marketing campaigns that produce results based on clients' business goals—website traffic, reach, engagement, leads, sales and customer loyalty. PR 20/20 uses hybrid talent, advanced marketing technology and inbound strategy to drive performance.



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Team Traction works with their clients to help them gain the traction they need within their businesses to achieve higher levels of success. Team Traction implements a system called EOS®, the Entrepreneurial Operating System®, to strengthen and develop leadership teams of growth-oriented entrepreneurial companies with 10 to 250 employees. Dan Rose is a Professional EOS Implementer™ and is experienced in implementing process to support rapid and sustainable growth in the companies he works with.



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Ulmer & Berne provides a full range of legal services to its clients in different industries. The firm brings to bear decades of experience and exceptional depth and breadth in each field. Their attorneys keep current on the problems faced in industry through hands-on projects for a diverse range of clients. Everyday, their focus is on their clients. They represent companies of all sizes across a wide spectrum of industries.



UH Ventures is solving for the future of University Hospitals and the future of healthcare. They identify, develop, and deploy the most disruptive and creative innovations that originate from within University Hospitals as well as from organizations all over the world. Built to draw on the historic and present strengths of University Hospitals, UH Ventures pursues the innovative opportunities that will drive definitive, sustainable, and scalable value to the way they care for their patients.