



October 16th, 2025



IDEA TO INVESTMENT SUMMIT

8 AM - 2:30 PM
Dickinson State University
Student Center

MORNING SESSION

8:00 - 9:00 Start Up Your Day - Guest Speaker
- Kelli Scharf, Phat Fish Brewing

9:00 - 9:15 Networking

9:15 - 9:45 Welcome
- Ty Orton, Executive Director of DSU Heritage Foundation

9:45 - 11:00 Demystifying Venture Capital for Founders and Entrepreneurs
- David Haukaas, O'Leary Ventures
- Roxy Pfliiger, Dakota Business Lending
- Brian Opp, North Dakota Development Fund
- Kodee Furst, 50 South Capital
- Ben Stanley, Gener8tor

11:00 - 11:15 Networking

11:15 - 11:45 Pitch Contest
- DSU Students & local founders present a 5-minute pitch to our
Venture Capital guests

AFTERNOON SESSION

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch and Keynote Speaker
- Dr. Holly Gruhlke, Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost of DSU

1:00 - 2:30 Demystifying Venture Capital Opportunities for Lenders
- David Haukaas, O'Leary Ventures
- Roxy Pfliiger, Dakota Business Lending
- Brian Opp, North Dakota Development Fund
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