

The Path to Entrepreneurship in STEM

Seminar Agenda

Purpose: To promote STEM entrepreneurship in Appalachia through a practical, action-oriented approach grounded in real-world application, partnerships, and sustainability.

Time	Activity
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration & Networking Breakfast
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Welcome Remarks Dr. Rick Harvey, Fairmont State University
9:15 AM – 10:30 AM	STEM in Appalachia Michele O'Connor, INNOVA Commercialization
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM	Business Basics Dr. Rick Harvey, Fairmont State University
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	Networking Lunch
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	Networks & Partnerships - Ben Berry, MTN Craft - Lyla Grandstaff, WV Small Business Development Center
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Break
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Rural Challenges & Advantages Tim Davis, Bionic Tire Recycling
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Break
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM	Success Stories Panel Discussion Ben Berry, Tim Davis, Lyla Grandstaff, Michele O'Connor
4:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Closing Remarks Dr. Rick Harvey, Fairmont State University
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Networking Reception

