



Cultivating Entrepreneurs in Coastal Louisiana February 7, 8, and 15

CULTIVATING COASTAL ENTREPRENEURS

Goal of the events: To identify entrepreneurs within the coastal communities of South Louisiana and provide them with the resources and networks to successfully launch/continue running a small business.

Organizations participating:

1. Idea Village - Organizer
2. Bayou Interfaith Shared Community Organizing (BISCO) - Community Outreach, meals
3. Nicholls State University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) / Greater New Orleans SBDC - On-site to provide resources to individuals interested in starting a business
4. South Louisiana Economic Council (SLEC)
5. Terrebonne Economic Development Authority (TEDA)
6. South Central Planning & Development Commission - Providing information on small business, low-interest loans

EVENT DATES AND LOCATIONS

February 7 – Cut Off, Lafourche Parish

Location: Cutoff Youth Center
205 West 79th Street Cut Off, LA 70345
Phone: [\(985\) 632-3991](tel:9856323991)

Participating Entrepreneur: Doug Jacobs
GNO SBDC: Wayne Aucoin
SCPDC: Cindy Giroir
Idea Village: Thomas Rush / Grasshopper Mendoza
Meal: Yes - provided by BISCO

February 8 – Grand Isle

Location: Grand Isle Community Center
3811 Louisiana 1, Grand Isle, LA 70358
Phone: [\(985\) 787-3500](tel:9857873500)

Participating Entrepreneur: Sarah Mack
NSU SBDC: Paige Kuhlmann and Sarah Burch
SCPDC: Cullen Curole
Idea Village: Thomas Rush
Meal: Yes, Provided by BISCO

February 15 – Terrebonne Parish

Location: Dulac Community Center

125 Coast Guard Road Dulac, LA 70353-2125

Phone: (985) 563-7483

Participating Entrepreneur: Colleen Morgan

NSU SBDC: Paige Kuhlmann and Sarah Burch

SCPDC: Cullen Curole

Idea Village: Thomas Rush

Meal: Yes, provided by BISCO

Bayou Grace will be able to attend this event, but will not be participating as a presenter/partner.

Agenda

5:30pm - Attendees serve themselves food before sitting down

6:00 pm- Program Begins:

1) Introduction to Water Challenge - Thomas Rush

5 min.

2) Coastal 5+1 overview (materials available) - Grasshopper Mendoza / Thomas Rush

5 min.

3) Wrap up of Water Challenge, and show Water Challenge video - Thomas Rush

5 min.

4) Highlight of finalist-entrepreneur- Entrepreneur

5 min.

5) Introduction of how to start a business - SBDC Representative

15 min.

Q&A

6) Information on Small Business Low-Interest Loans - SCPDC

10 minutes

Q&A

7) 1 minute summary of services provided from each organization present (BISCO, TEDA, etc.)

10 min.

8) Wrap-up Q&A

10 min.

9) 7:05 pm: Networking opportunity / Individual participants are able to access organization representatives for specific questions.

10) 7:30pm: ADJOURN

Logistical Needs

- Sign-in sheets (Thomas)
- 5 tables on which organizations can present their materials to the attendees (Thomas / BISCO?)
- GNOF Coastal 5+1 Marketing materials (Thomas)
- Idea Village Water Challenge one page summaries (Thomas)
- Meals (Thomas / BISCO)
- Startup Resources (SBDC)
- Info on Small Business grants (SCDPC)

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