

# VENTURE INNOVATION CAFÉ™

Accelerating momentum in the Innovation Quarter and beyond is aligning the people, talents and energies in our growing innovation community.

## September 22nd ENTREPRENEURSHIP MIXER

2 - 4 PM

Location: 525 @ Vine Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Meet the Ecosystem Partners and engage in one or more free events. Join us for this entrepreneurship mixer to learn about organizations that are committed to the success of local small businesses.

3:00 Meet the Ecosystem Partners at Flywheel

### Added Bonus

4:00—6:00 Forsyth Tech Small Business Center  
Credit and Financing Options for Your Small Business

6:30—9:30 "Sunset Thursdays"

Free Community Concert in Bailey Park presented by  
Wake Forest @ Innovation Quarter.



A Special Thank You to our Co-Sponsor  
Tropical Smoothie Café  
Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Visit Forsyth Tech Small Business Center website for more information about the upcoming Venture Innovation Café and other events.

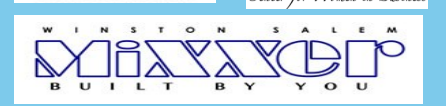
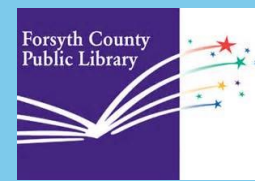
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## Entrepreneurial Ecosystem of Forsyth County



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## Organizations and Key Services for Entrepreneurs

- Better Business Bureau** [www.bbb.org/northwestern-north-carolina/](http://www.bbb.org/northwestern-north-carolina/)  
BBB helps people find and recommend businesses, brands and charities they can trust.
- Center for Design Innovation** [www.cdiunc.org](http://www.cdiunc.org)  
Incubator space for advanced technologies and design research.  
Mentoring, counseling, workshops, internships and networking.
- Center for Creative Economy** [www.centerforcreativeeconomy.com](http://www.centerforcreativeeconomy.com)  
Support, advocate and develop creative entrepreneurs.  
Creative Services: Triad Design Leadership (Design Thinking) SWERVE (Hub for Creative Connections, Jobs, and Ideas) Annual Creative Business Cup Competition
- City of Winston-Salem** [www.cityofws.org](http://www.cityofws.org)  
Provide technical assistance for start-up, expanding or relocating businesses in the City of Winston-Salem.  
Provide financial assistance to small businesses located within targeted areas, including the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area.
- Flywheel** [www.flywheelcoworking.com](http://www.flywheelcoworking.com)  
Community Idea Farming, Start Up boot camps and Start Up accelerators.  
Provide work space for entrepreneurs.
- Forsyth County Public Library** [www.forsyth.cc/library](http://www.forsyth.cc/library)  
Free access to current, accurate information such as customized lists, market reports and trade journal articles. Provide expertise in the use of entrepreneurial databases and information
- Forsyth Tech Business & Industry Services** [www.forsythtech.edu/services-businesses](http://www.forsythtech.edu/services-businesses)  
Connect businesses with college programs.
- Forsyth Tech Small Business Center** [www.forsythtech.edu/services-businesses/small-business-center](http://www.forsythtech.edu/services-businesses/small-business-center)  
Small Business Counseling and Educational Events (seminars, roundtables, clinics)
- InnovateHER** [www.innovateHER.org](http://www.innovateHER.org)  
Helping women entrepreneurs launch, fund, and grow businesses on their terms. Existing and aspiring business owners are equipped with the capacity, confidence, community, and capital access for sustainable business success.
- Kernersville Chamber of Commerce** [www.kernersvillenc.com](http://www.kernersvillenc.com)  
Share resources, networking and promotion of economic development.
- Lewisville– Clemmons Chamber of Commerce** <http://lewisville-clemmons.com/>  
Monthly meeting for members and guests to network and hear educational speakers.  
Low cost opportunity for promoting your business in the community.
- Mixer** [www.wsmixer.org](http://www.wsmixer.org)  
Maker Space: tools, lab, open space—Support resources for creative community.
- Piedmont Angel Network** [www.piedmontangelnetwork.com](http://www.piedmontangelnetwork.com)  
Provide capital to entrepreneurs. Mentoring organization for entrepreneurs.
- Salem College: Center for Women in Business** [www.salem.edu/cwb](http://www.salem.edu/cwb)  
Connecting Interns to businesses for credit. Professional development, conference and consulting opportunities.
- Small Business & Technology Development Center** [www.sbtcdc.org/offices/wssu](http://www.sbtcdc.org/offices/wssu)  
The business and technology extension service of The UNC System hosted by WSSU.  
Counseling: management, financials, cash flow, capital formation, market development, technology commercialization, government procurement, exporting, private equity, strategy.
- Wake Forest Innovations** [www.wakeforestinnovations.com](http://www.wakeforestinnovations.com)  
Transforms ideas into valuable health care products. Facilitates new pre-clinical and clinical research studies.
- Wake Forest Innovation Quarter** [www.innovationquarter.com](http://www.innovationquarter.com)  
Provides high-tech labs, offices and meeting facilities that foster the exchange of ideas and encourage entrepreneurial behavior. Also provides innovation themed educational and networking programming.
- Wake Forest School of Business & Wake Forest Entrepreneurship** [www.business.wfu.edu](http://www.business.wfu.edu)  
User of services (talented human capital) interns/ part-time employees.  
Sponsor competitions local and internationally.
- Winston-Salem Black Chamber of Commerce** [www.wsblackchamber.com](http://www.wsblackchamber.com)  
Use our data base as a referral source for individuals and businesses looking for products and services offered by our members. Utilize knowledge of our members and partner agencies to facilitate training in industry trends and best practices.
- Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce** [www.winstonsalem.com](http://www.winstonsalem.com)  
Connector providing services to businesses: technology and government (WSSourcelink)
- WSSU SG Atkins Enterprise Center** [www.sgacdc.org/the-enterprise-center.html](http://www.sgacdc.org/the-enterprise-center.html)  
The center is a catalyst for community economic development that provides office space, conference space, business education, mentoring and networking events for entrepreneurs.