

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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Tech Town Detroit: 440 Burroughs Street, Detroit, MI 48202

Bamboo Royal Oak: 220 South Main Street, Royal Oak MI 48067

- 8:30 a.m. *Breakfast & Networking*
- 8:45 a.m. *Session Begins*
Devon O'Reilly, Leadership Detroit
Dimitrius Hutcherson, EVP, Chief Technology Officer, Chief Administrative Officer, First Independence Bank
Brad Williams, Vice President, Government Relations, Detroit Regional Chamber
Brian Shoaf, Director of Government Relations, Detroit Regional Chamber
- 9:15 a.m. *Overview of Tech Town Programs: Retail Bootcamp and Start Studio*
Angeline Lawrence, Director of Entrepreneurial Education, Tech Town
- 9:25 a.m. *A New State Economic Development Strategy*
Ned Staebler, CEO, Techtown
- 10:10 a.m. *Panel: Navigating Resources as a Small Business*
Paul Jones, Business Support Network Director, Invest Detroit
Regina Ann Campbell, President and CEO, Build Institute, LD XXXVII
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. *Panel: Growing a Small Business in Detroit*
Charity Dean, President and CEO, Metro Detroit Black Business Alliance
Javier Evelyn, CEO, Alerje
Darryl Humes, Cofounder, Mature Clothing
- 11:45 a.m. *Lunch by Que*
- 12:30 p.m. *Transition to Bamboo – Royal Oak*
- 1:00 p.m. *Welcome to Bamboo*
Amanda Sweet, Community Manager, Bamboo Royal Oak
- 1:10 p.m. *Venture Capital in Michigan*
Ara Topouzian, Executive Director, Michigan Venture Capital Association
Jim Tenzillo, Vice President, Invest Michigan, LD XLI
- 1:45 p.m. *Bamboo All Star Panel*
- 2:30 p.m. *Overview of TechStars Detroit*
Chacho Valadez, TechStars Detroit
Discussion with TechStars Startups
- 3:30 p.m. *Speed Pitch Competition*
- 4:30 p.m. *Social Hour*
- 6:00 p.m. *End of Session*