Welcome to our winter Wildcatalyst Insider, covering news and events from October to December, 2017.

In October, we once again celebrated the UNH community for its hard work and commercialization activity at our seventh annual Innovators' Dinner. The dinner is always such an amazing opportunity to reflect back on the university’s innovative research activity and renew our mission to maximize the impact of that activity in the state and beyond. Read on to learn more about the dinner and other Intellectual Asset Management activity, as well as news from Strategic Partnerships and the latest from the Peter T. Paul Entrepreneurship Center.

UNHI has a lot of exciting projects and events planned for 2018 as we continue managing and promoting UNH’s innovative research outputs and increasing university collaborations with the business community.

Cheers!

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UNHInnovation Hosts Seventh Annual Innovators' Dinner

UNHInnovation hosted the seventh annual Innovators’ Dinner on October 5th to celebrate and encourage the commercialization of innovative ideas generated through UNH research. The dinner was held in the Huddleston Ballroom where faculty, staff, students, and industry partners gathered to recognize the UNH community for its hard work, which resulted in 167 licenses, 6 patent applications, and a record $860,000 in commercialization revenue in FY17.
UNH Makerspace Acquires CNC Milling Machine for Improved Prototyping

UNHInnovation recently added a state-of-the-art DATRON neo CNC milling machine to the Makerspace at the UNH ECenter. The new machine, which can mill materials like metal, wood, foam, and acrylic, allows UNH students, faculty, and staff to build real working prototypes of their ideas.

UNHInnovation Refocuses Mission, Vision, and Values
Since its humble beginning in 1997 as the Office of Intellectual Property Management, once an office of two, UNHInnovation (UNHI) has grown and transformed into a team of over 30 people and a strong presence on campus and in the state. Between our five units, (i.e. Intellectual Asset Management, Strategic Partnerships, the Entrepreneurship Center, the InterOperability Lab, and the Connectivity Research Center), we work hard to protect, support, and promote UNH ideas and innovations, and build bridges between the university and the business community in many different ways.

While we are pleased by our growth and achievements, we are continuously looking for ways to improve and do more to establish UNH as a thought leader in the state. In this spirit, UNHI took some time this fall to get together as a group, reflect on our recent accomplishments and challenges, and discuss ways to better align our many functions to create a more cohesive and effective department. We emerged from the process inspired and eager to start the new year with more focused objectives and stronger communication between each unit.

One of the main goals of this initiative was to refocus our mission statement, define our core values as a group, and clarify our vision for the future. The process was difficult at times but the conversations it sparked were valuable, and we arrived at something we all believe in and can be proud of. We are excited to share the guiding ideas that we will look to in our daily work and refer to as we plan for future growth.

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UNH Recognized by APLU for Efforts in Economic Engagement
The University of New Hampshire was one of three universities to be awarded the Innovation & Economic Prosperity (IEP) Designation from the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) in 2017. The APLU’s IEP Universities program was developed to recognize institutions of higher education for their efforts in economic engagement. Economic engagement refers to university initiatives that promote innovation and entrepreneurship, excellence in technology transfer, and leadership in talent and workforce development. All over the country, public universities partner with community organizations, state and local government, entrepreneurs, small businesses, and major corporations, with collaborative outcomes leading to healthier and more engaged citizens and thriving economies.

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XMOS, a worldwide supplier of advanced embedded voice and audio solutions, has acquired UNH start-up Setem Technologies as part of its plan to change how consumers communicate with smart electronic devices in homes, vehicles, and at work. The company has established new offices in Hampton, NH, where staff will concentrate on developing new VocalSorcery products that use Setem's patented technology.  

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Two NH Businesses Awarded Technology Innovation Grants  

Watts Water Technologies, Inc. and Voi have received Granite State Technology Innovation Grants in the latest round of funding from the New Hampshire Innovation Research Center (NHIRC), a state program administered by the University of New Hampshire. The funding enables the companies to collaborate with New Hampshire-based colleges and universities to help turn their research, conceptualization, and product development into economic assets.  

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ECenter Coaches Student Winners of SVIC
ECenter Director, Ian Grant, had the pleasure of mentoring Andrew DeMeo (COLSA ‘18) of Honey-Do and Geno Miller (Paul College ‘17) of Schtudy as they prepared to compete in the 2017 student-track of the Social Venture Innovation Challenge, hosted by the Center for Social Innovation and Enterprise.

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UNH Entrepreneurship Center Receives National Recognition for Its Growth

The University of New Hampshire's Peter T. Paul Entrepreneurship Center (ECenter) won the “2017 Outstanding Emerging Entrepreneurship Center Award” from the Global Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers (GCEC). The award honors an outstanding new entrepreneurship center that is five years old or less; the ECenter opened in January
2016.

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