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# BIG April News!

*May 5, 2015*

April was an exciting month. One of our 3DS student teams traveled to Jacksonville, Florida to present their company, Advinup, at OneSpark. They were among 555 budding entrepreneurs that span across downtown Jacksonville to share their concept with more than 300,000 attendees. They represented Georgia Southern extremely well.

At the Economic Development Administration regional staff meeting, we presented an update with our Incubator and Fab Lab. The response was extremely positive as our efforts continue to serve as a model in university and city collaboration. As you will read below, our conduit and fiber extension project with the City of Statesboro is on schedule. With this extension, our Incubator will provide area entrepreneurs with unparalleled band-width, making our space a premiere spot to launch a new business.

Our students with Enactus made their annual presentation at City Campus. A special thanks to Ric Stapleton, Tina Banks, Allen Muldrew, Joe Rousseau, PhD, Steve Stewart, PhD and Kania Greer, PhD for helping judge the presentation and provide valuable feedback. They did a fantastic job! We have very high hopes for the group when they return in fall and begin preparing for the Enactus National Competition.

Our 2015 Entrepreneur Lecture Speaker, Lucy Beard, CEO of Feetz, gave a very inspiring message. Her story of perseverance and innovation served to not only motivate our students and entrepreneurs, but demonstrate the power of 3D printing technology and power of the national Fab Lab network.

After concluding a national search, it is my pleasure to welcome U.S. Army Colonel Angie DiCiro to the BIG family. Col. DiCiro is our new area director for the Small Business Development Center.

On the academic side, entrepreneurship faculty member Steve Stewart, PhD, was named the College of Business Administration 2015 Bank of America Outstanding Faculty Award recipient.

We continue to build momentum and encourage your help and support to **Think BIG... One More Time.**

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