

WEINERT CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Weinert Center for Entrepreneurship Newsletter

2005-06 Academic Year In Review:

The Center welcomed 12 new students in the fall of 2005:

Incoming Students/Internships

Jane Bills, *Italy Restaurant Business*

Scott Daigger, *Madison Angel Network*

Tom Godfrey, *Honest Tea*

John Halter, *Copenhagen Business School*

Jung Eun Hong, *Hi-Mo, Inc.*

Robert Kilzer, *IBM*

Andrew Kotila, *Copenhagen Business School*

Jason Loughrin, *GE Healthcare*

Cailin Mani, *Cohort Z*

Andrew Strunk, *Guidant*

Todd Wendrick, *Italy Restaurant Business*

Eugene Yang, *Nerites*

Second-Year Students Graduated in May

Alfredo Armengol, Courdis

Amy Bina, TEK

Tim Gill, Consulting, not seeking

Chan-Woo Kim, Samsung

Linda Li, Pacific Cycle

Nathan Meredith, Guidant

Kyle Montgomery, aOvaTechnologies

Brent Newport, GetIPIC (Founder)

John Schuster, Young, Schuster and Maslowski, LLP (Founder)

Sara VanderLind, Seeking

Steve Voss, Sun Edison

Average Starting Salary: \$88840, Signing Bonus: \$16,000

Guest Speakers for Entrepreneur Association:

- Andy Albert, Nashua
- John Fromstein, Fulton Market Films LLC
- Noah Alper, Noah Alper Consulting
- Neil Thall, Aldata Solution, Inc.

- Numerous Board Members and others as Class speakers



[Center Hires New Director](#)



[On-Site Visit to California](#) where students visited various entrepreneurial enterprises and technology companies.



[Students Win Competitions](#)

Four finalists for the Wisconsin Governors Business Plan Contest. Winning alumni include:

Brent Newport, GetIPIC, 1st place in Info Tech, \$10,000 cash + business services (Weinert, WAVE, Burrill-1st place) (2006 Graduate)
<http://www.bus.wisc.edu/burrill/schedule/>

Heather Hilleren, GreenLeaf Market, 2nd place in Business Services, \$5,000 cash + business services (Weinert, WAVE) (2005 Graduate)

Tony Escarcega, Ratio, 3rd place in Life Sciences, \$2,000 cash + business services (Weinert, WAVE, Burrill-1st place '05) (2005 Graduate)

Tom Godfrey, Healthy sTarts, finalist (Weinert, Burrill-2nd place) (2007 Graduate)
<http://www.bus.wisc.edu/news/0174.asp>

[Eugene Wang placed first at the CIBER International Business Case Competition](#)

[Nathan Meredith and Sara VanderLind win Business Case Competition](#)

[Venture Capital Investment Competition](#) (VCIC) had many Weinert Center winners.

WAVE – December Board Meeting and Thanks to Gerry George for all of the great things he has done for the Weinert Center and WAVE while he was at Madison. Gerry is now teaching entrepreneurship at the London School of Business.



WAVE Invests in two start-ups

Ratio (11/2005) -- Tony Escarcega (2005) co-founded this company that uses an innovative patch technology to deliver small quantities of prescription drugs over an extended time period

GetIPIC (July 2006)—Brent Newport (2006) co-founded this company that provides an IT solution to prevent online identity theft.

WAVE – May Board Meeting and Graduation



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