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The Mont Alto LaunchBox offers free services to the community, including coworking space, referrals to business resources such as legal and intellectual property advice, workshops with local consultants, and the LION Tank™ Competition awarding mini-grants to the top two viable business ideas. The services are all free and are meant to drive innovation and economic growth in our region.

ENTREPRENEUR WORKSHOP SERIES

Open to the public and free of charge, all workshops are held from 6:00 – 7:30 on Thursday evenings at the LaunchBox, 40 North Second Street in Chambersburg, PA. Register to attend at montalto.psu.edu/launchbox/workshops

Sept. 27 – “How to find financing for your business idea,” with Moderator Cheryl Young, Shippensburg SBDC business consultant; and Panelists Kenneth Hammaker, Community First Fund community lending vice president; Jon Sider, Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Central and Northern Pennsylvania director of second stage capital; Mike Ross, FCADC president; John Rotz, retired banker from First Community Bank of Mercersburg; and Solomon Wheeler, SBA Harrisburg branch manager.

Oct. 25 – “Intellectual Property (patents, trademarks, copyrights),” by Rachel Herder, J.D., Ph.D., Penn State Law assistant professor of clinical law and intellectual property clinic director.

Nov. 29 – “Business marketing basics: How to get the word out about your business,” by Kristen Joy Laidig, author, entrepreneur, and owner and manager of Toy Box Gifts & Wonder.

FALL FORUM

Nov. 14 from 12:20 to 1:10 p.m. in the Wiestling Student Center – James L. Delattre, Penn State assistant vice president for research and director of the Office of Entrepreneurship and Commercialization, will lead student entrepreneurs in a discussion about how they are launching their businesses and plans into the marketplace.

LION Tank™ COMPETITION

March 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the General Studies Auditorium – Competitors will pitch their business ideas and the top two will receive mini-grants and gain access to the Mont Alto LaunchBox for one year. Submit your business idea at montalto.psu.edu/launchbox/liontank/apply.

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Invent Penn State is a Commonwealth-wide initiative to spur economic development, job creation, and student career success. Invent Penn State blends entrepreneurship-focused academic programs, business startup training and incubation, funding for commercialization, and university-community collaborations to facilitate the challenging process of turning research discoveries into valuable products and services that can benefit Pennsylvanians and humankind.