

The background of the slide is a photograph of a modern office space. Large glass partitions with the 'RI-HUB' logo are visible, separating different work areas. People are seen working at desks and in common areas. A large green plant is in the foreground on the right. The overall atmosphere is professional and collaborative.

Innovation *Starts Here* in Southern New England

Activating Entrepreneurship Across the Region

RIHub Strategic Priorities:



Increase the number of
High Growth Startups in
Rhode Island & Southern
New England

Be the **catalyst for**
Investors to connect
meaningfully with
Startups.

Strengthen the region
by building Innovation
Community cross sector
partnerships

Foster **diversity in high**
tech and high growth
startups



Where does RIHub Fit in the Ecosystem?

Accelerators



Innovation Campuses



- Pre-Accelerator Programs
- Venture Mentoring Services
- Online Innovation Portal
- Incubation Space
- Investor Programs
- Corporate Programs

Investors

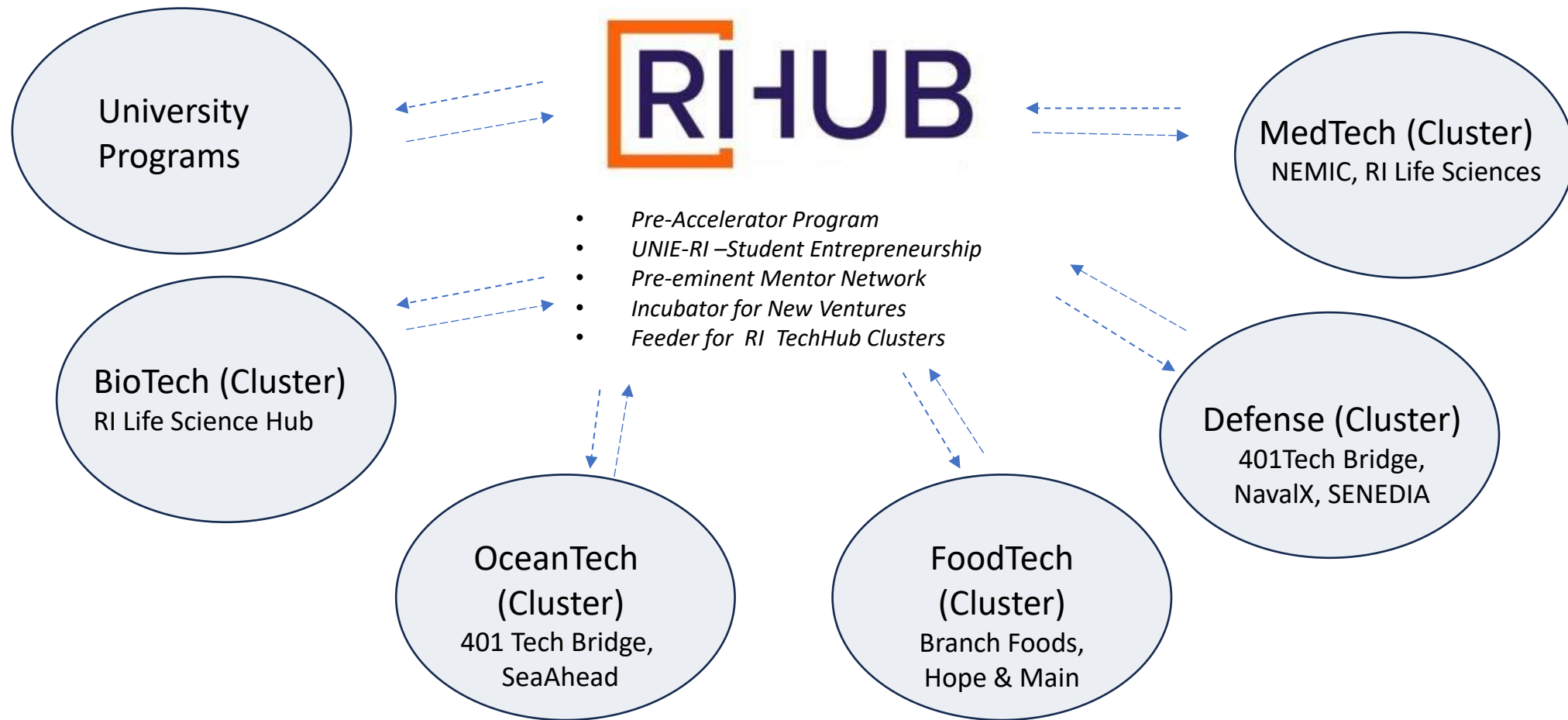


Innovation Ecosystem



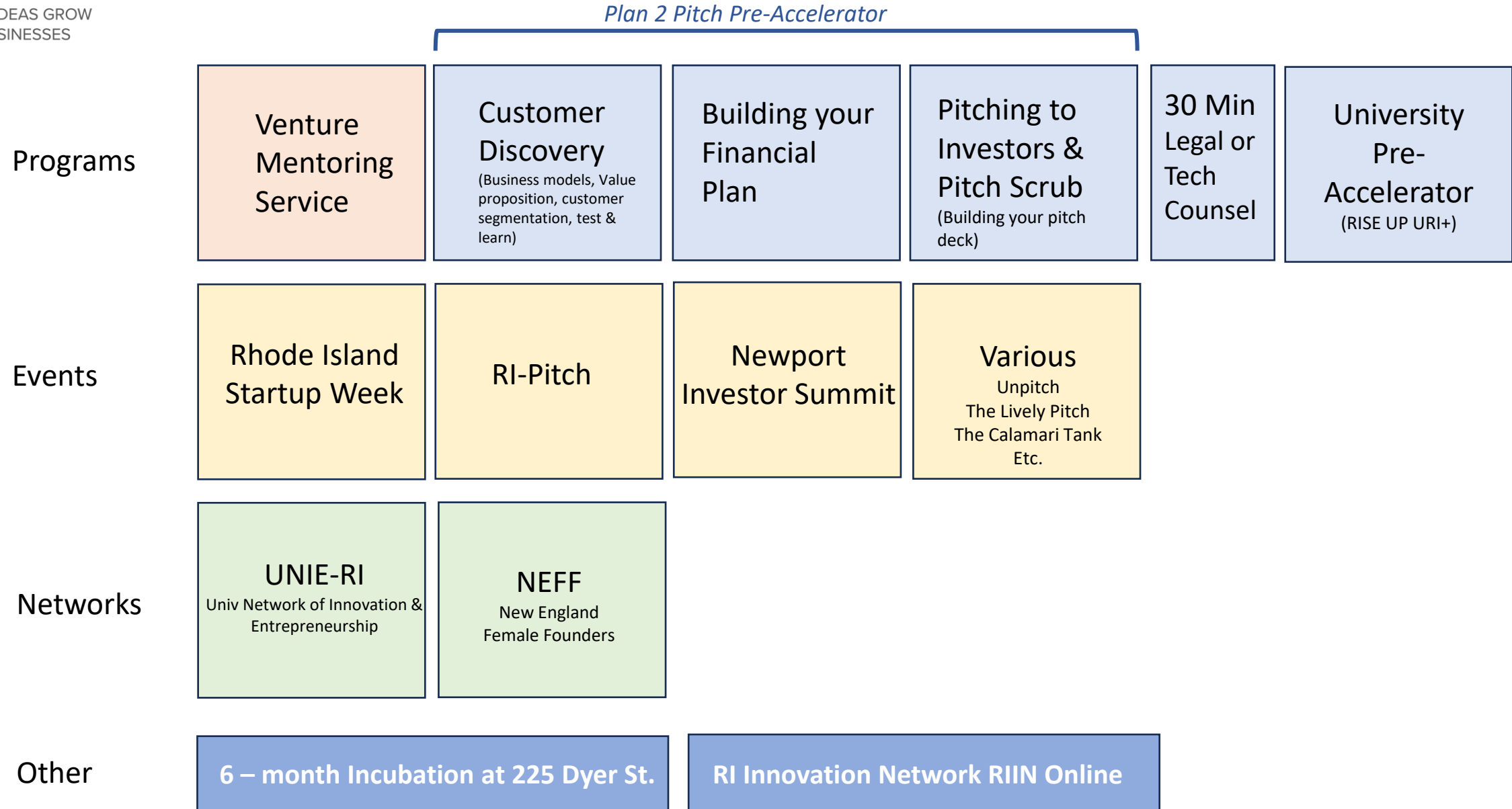
RIHub is the Central, Independent Innovation Hub for Rhode Island

A critical role for the success of a thriving high-growth startup ecosystem

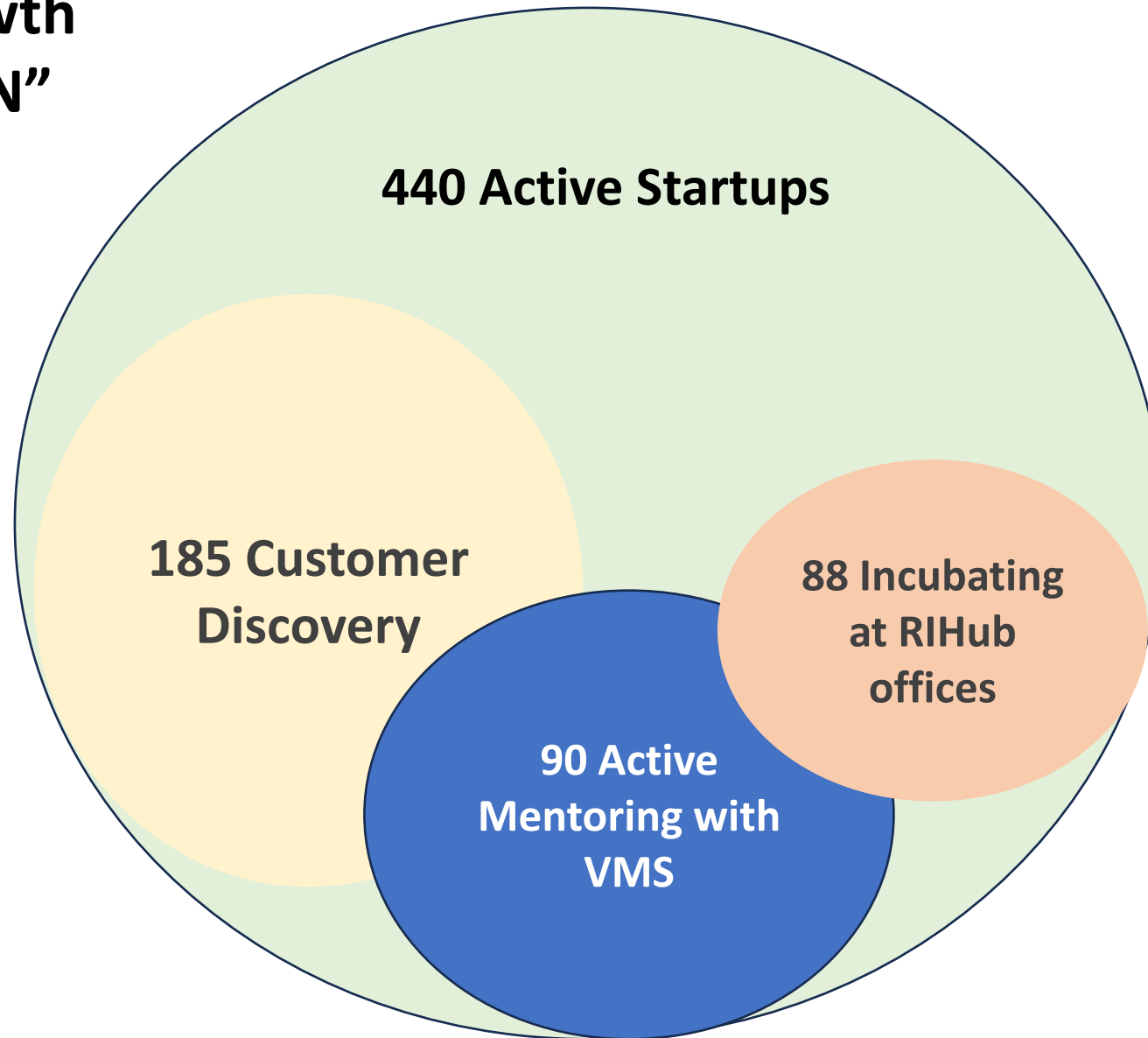




What Does RIHub Do?



RIHub 'High Growth Startups' – “OPEN”



FOCUS: COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

Shortage of industrial sites has R.I. taking steps to help

BY TIM NORTON |
Contributing Writer

WHEN IT COMES to available industrial sites in Rhode Island, the list is rather short.

State commerce officials say the vacancy rate is running at about 2% for properties ready for industrial uses, ranging from warehousing to manufacturing.

In response, the state has launched Rhode Island Ready, a \$40 million economic development initiative designed to help property owners prepare sites to host new industrial companies or expand

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R.I.'s ecosystem for entrepreneurs shows resilience

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FOR the developers of Pointz, a navigation app geared toward safer routes for cyclists, Rhode Island offered a wealth of mentoring and networking opportunities, with accelerators, pitch contests and Brown University's entrepreneurship center helping the startup on the path to an official launch earlier this year.

It was finding capital that they thought was going to be a big hurdle.

"It's not a hotbed located here, like in Boston or the [San Francisco] Bay Area," said Maggie Bachenberg, CEO and co-founder of Pointz Mobility Inc.

Turns out that securing a round of pre-seed funding wasn't as difficult as she feared.

Oregon-based private equity firm Rogue Venture Partners discovered Pointz at the Rhode Island Startup Week, held for the first time last fall, and the young company soon became Rogue's first investment in Rhode Island, the amount of which was undisclosed.

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ADVANTAGEOUS LOCATION: Maggie Bachenberg, CEO and co-founder of Pointz Mobility Inc. in Providence, which developed the Pointz navigation app geared toward safer routes for cyclists, says finding funding for the startup was much easier than expected thanks to Rhode Island's entrepreneurship environment with plenty of resources and limited competition.
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A RIHub Story

- ✓ Brown University Graduate
- ✓ Attended MassChallenge – won award 2021
- ✓ RIHub enabled introduction to Rouge Ventures while still attending college
- ✓ RIHub consulted during 2 rounds of funding
- ✓ Active with Venture Mentoring Services for years
- ✓ RIHub is incubating their current team at 225 Dyer
- ✓ Attended TechStars
- ✓ In traction growth phase now

Key Programs That Make Our Region Unique

The University Network of Rhode Island

A Powerful Network of leaders in higher education setting the direction for student entrepreneurs across Rhode Island

Brown University

Bryant University

CCRI

Johnson & Wales

New England Tech

Providence College



Rhode Island College

Rhode Island School of Design

Roger Williams

Salve Regina

University of Rhode Island

All universities in the state meet quarterly to share curriculum, create programs and network





@ URI in the Spring

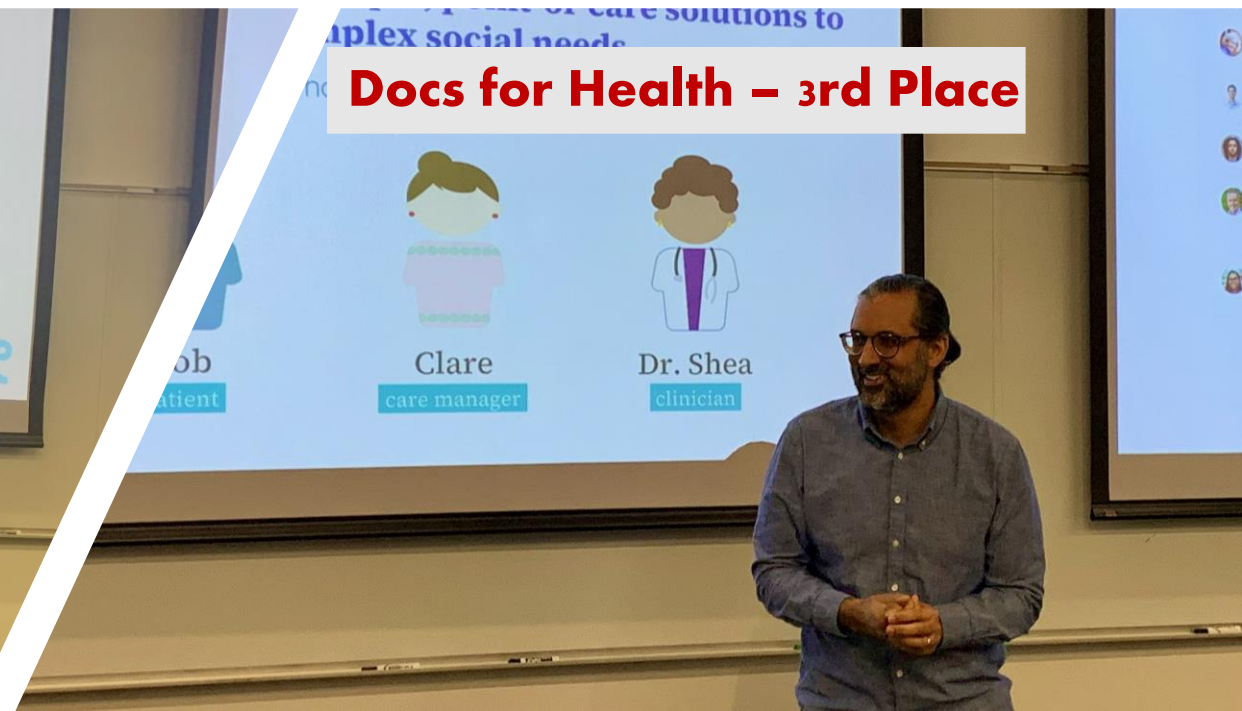
Zmanti – 2nd Place

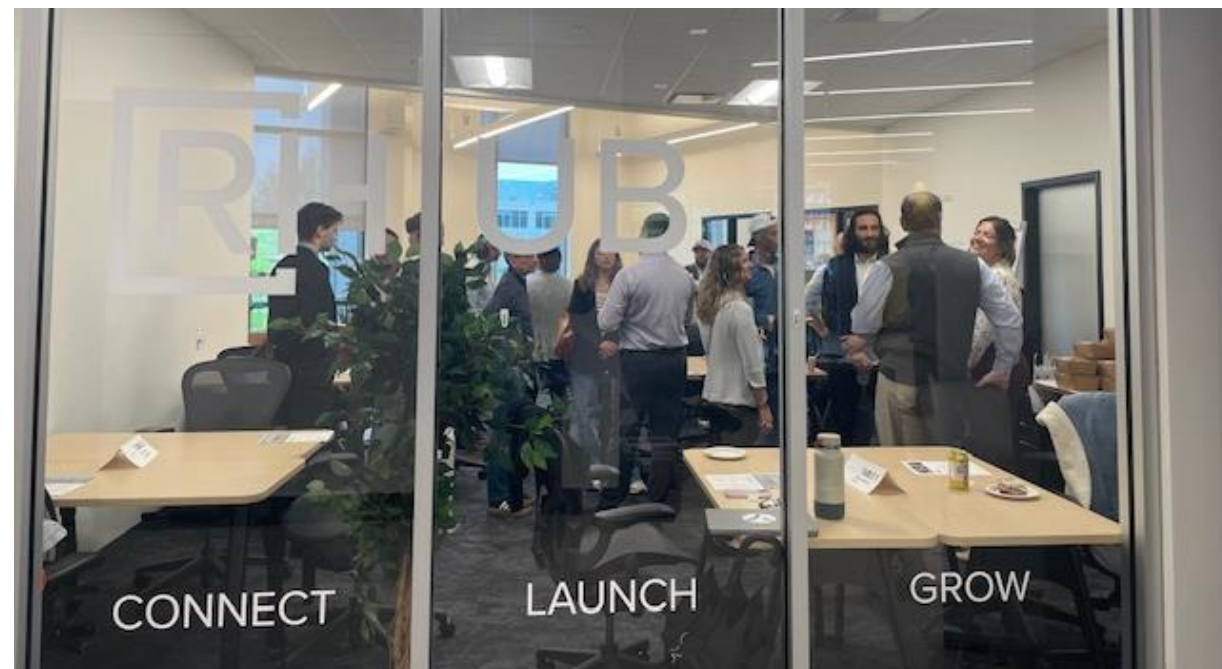


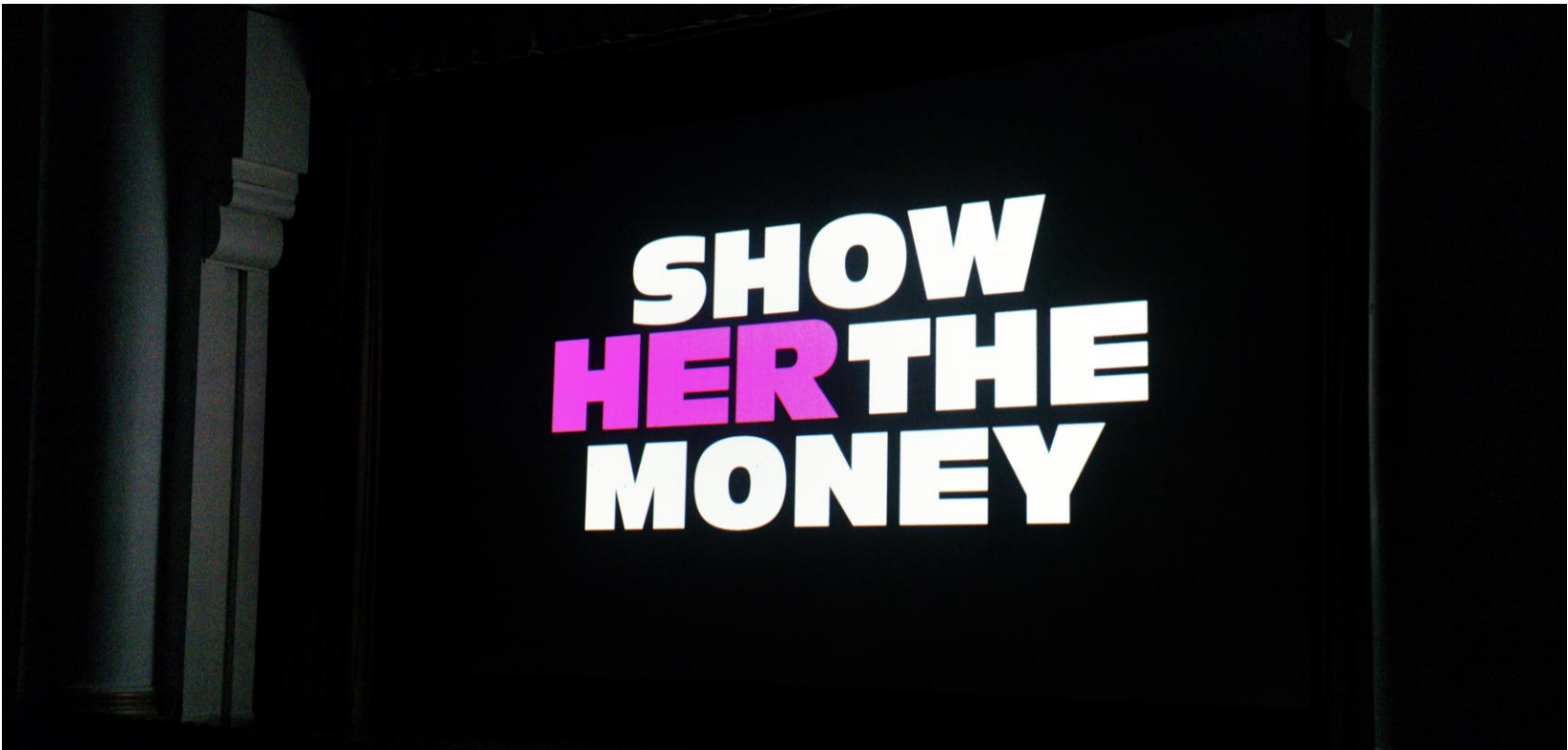
Looie – 1st Place



Docs for Health – 3rd Place









Welcome To The **Newport Investor Summit**

Where Capital Meets Innovation

**Newport Beach House
Newport, RI
September 26-27, 2024**

Purpose: Rhode Island is the place for Investors to come to find great deals

Startups: PreSeed to Seed stage

3 Tracks: Ocean Tech, Health Tech and Showcase (any)

Networking & Pitching in a “5 Star” setting

The background of the slide is a photograph of a city skyline. In the foreground, there is a river with a stone bridge. The river reflects the sky and the buildings. On the right side, there is a modern building with a glass facade. In the background, there are several tall buildings, including a prominent one with a pointed top. The sky is blue with some clouds.

We can create a bright future in Southeastern New England

Join the Team focused on Innovation and Entrepreneurship.
We are building a sustainable and economically stable future.

Bringing together promising ideas and proven technologies, RIHub helps
turn startups into success stories that go on to create world-changing
solutions.

Innovation & Entrepreneurship starts here.

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