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ABOUT ME:

Onnolee is an award-winning business school professor and entrepreneurship researcher. Her work has been published in numerous journals including Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice, Entrepreneurship and Regional Development and the Entrepreneurship Research Journal. Onnolee also serves as the academic director of The Center for Entrepreneurship and Family Business.



DR. JESSICA VOLD

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ABOUT ME:

Jessica is an experienced Research And Development Engineer with a demonstrated history of working in the biotechnology industry. Skilled in Composite Materials, Extrusion, Injection Molding, Materials Characterization, Technical Writing, Finite Element Analysis (FEA), and Systems Engineering. She has focused in Mechanical Engineering/Material Science and has a passion for innovation and entrepreneurship.



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ABOUT ME:

Jimmy completed his doctoral studies at the Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh. He has developed a research portfolio contributing to a deeper understanding of how firms develop socially complex resources such as human capital resources, and their effect on innovation in the creative industry.

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**ndsuentrepreneurship**

22m



How do you celebrate your nerdy side? 🤔



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**wyatt_warkenthien**

25m



From my earliest memories, my love for science and Star Wars has permeated every aspect of my life, firmly establishing me as a proud and unabashed nerd in the most traditional sense.

**coreywilmer**

26m



Of all the nerdy things I've loved in my life, nothing has stuck with me quite as much as my love for cars. It is my most expensive hobby, the one I spend all of my time on.

**margaretgithua_**

31m



I find excitement in the pursuit of intellectual growth from coding and algorithms to artificial intelligence. Nerdy fuels my ability to solve creative problems.

**miahaugan**

38m



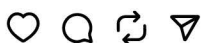
Throughout my life I've had an interest in the natural world around me. I've loved everything from learning the anatomy of trees to the chemical structure of soil.

**tosin_oyewole**

42m



What makes me nerdy is my love for systems and how systems interact and move forward to achieve solutions.



**kolbyhodnefield**

44m



I have always had a love for math and how we can use numbers to quantify our world and make sense of the data we are being presented with.

**lucky_beddel**

46m



My “nerdy” side was a part of me that allowed me to break any limits society set on me and dream big. It taught me that whatever I set my mind to, I can do.

**elizabelldelgado**

46m



Since I got admitted to college at the age of 16 through Minnesota's PSEO program, I have always been committed to academic success.

**bryce_grabanski**

48m



I can recommend the best coolers, technology for a specific use case, build you a computer, and then adjust software inside of windows to make your performance even better.

**jakeschumacher_**

51m



From beginning to end, I find the process of genetic engineering to be extremely fulfilling and empowering. It's one of my favorite things and it makes celebrating my nerdy side easy.

**cameron_landis**

51m



I believe I am merely a microcosm of what food can do for people & our world. I am a Midwesterner with two American parents that has found myself eating in places where I cannot read a single word on the menu and challenging my taste buds.





WYATT WARKENTHIEN

🎓 AREA OF STUDY: MICROBIOLOGY (UNDERGRAD)

💡 FOCUS: VENTURE CAPITAL

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ABOUT ME:

"I am currently in my senior year of an undergraduate program in Biotechnology and Microbiology at NDSU. Throughout my academic journey, I have been privileged to hold significant positions that resonate with my interests and long-term career objectives. I am honored to serve as the President of the Genetic Engineering Corps at NDSU. In addition to this, I am the incumbent President of Pathway Ventures, a unique student-led venture capital fund. Complementing my academic and extracurricular involvement, I work in the business development division of Agathos Biologics, a local startup company. Beyond my academic and professional pursuits, I take pleasure in spending quality time with friends and family and seize every opportunity to travel and discover new places."



MIA HAUGAN

🎓 AREA OF STUDY: MICROBIOLOGY (MASTERS)

💡 FOCUS: AG BIOTECHNOLOGY

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ABOUT ME:

"My name is Mia and I am a senior double majoring in microbiology and biotechnology as well as a first year masters student in the microbiology program. Currently I am researching symbiosis between nitrogen fixing bacteria and legumes. I am also part of NDSU's genetic engineering corps where I work as the wet lab coordinator. I enjoy doing research then applying what I learn to providing solutions to local problems. When I'm not in the lab I like to read, paint, rock climb, and go on road trips."



COREY WILMER

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ABOUT ME:

"I am currently a Finance undergraduate involved in the professional sales program at NDSU heading into my senior year. On campus I have had the privilege of holding multiple leadership positions within my social fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon. I currently serve the fraternity as the Eminent Treasurer, in which I am responsible for creating a master budget to allocate over six figures in cash flows throughout the fiscal year. In addition to this I am the current Director of Finance for Pathway Ventures, a student-operated venture capital fund focusing on experiential learning within this space. Outside of my leadership positions, I have taken on the role of an undergraduate researcher's assistant within the college of business. In this role I am looking forward to gaining experience in real world research and assisting in publishing a research paper by the end of this school year. Apart from my days on campus, my personal life is filled by my passion for golf and my love for socializing with friends and family."



TOSIN OYEWOLE

🎓 AREA OF STUDY: AG & BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING (PHD)

💡 FOCUS: BIOPROCESS METHODS & REFINING PROCESSES

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ABOUT ME:

"My name is Tosin Oyewole and I am a mother from Nigeria. I am a Ph.D. student in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering at NDSU, researching the production and optimization of bio-based epoxy resins. Through my research, I aim to discover ways to implement new production processes for a greener world. The NDSU Possibility Fellowship is a great opportunity for me to discover innovative ways to bridge the gap between evolving research, training, and market needs. I look forward to developing new skills and expanding my knowledge through the fellowship."



LUCKY BEDDEL

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ABOUT ME:

"My name is Lucky Beddel and I am a junior at NDSU majoring in Business Administration and Marketing. I am so excited for this program and meeting new people as well as looking forward to surrounding myself in creativity, ingenuity, and inspiration!"



KOLBY HODNEFIELD

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ABOUT ME:

"I am going into my third year pursuing my bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and my certificate in private enterprise. I am also currently in my third year of running my own business, Hodnefield Services LLC where we specialize in stump removal, garden tilling, and snow removal."



ELIZABELL DELGADO

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ABOUT ME:

"A detail-oriented professional currently enrolled in the Doctor of Pharmacy program at North Dakota State University; eager to collaborate with patients and their healthcare experts to provide patient-centered treatment."



MARGARET GITHUA



AREA OF STUDY: BUSINESS ANALYTICS (PHD)



FOCUS: JOB SEARCH AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP VENTRUE APP



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ABOUT ME:

“Margaret Githua is a Ph.D. doctoral candidate in the Communication Department at North Dakota State University. She obtained an MS in Business Analytics from NDSU. Margaret is a dynamic data science, communication, and business intelligence professional with several years of multi-disciplinary expertise. She has experience communicating and storytelling complex data, data analysis, and database project management for strategic partnerships that solve complex business and entrepreneurial problems and promote a shared vision. Margaret also has experience utilizing programming languages and software applications to analyze and visualize data.”



BRYCE GRABANSKI



AREA OF STUDY: ECONOMICS (UNDERGRAD)



FOCUS: NEW VENTURE CREATION



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ABOUT ME:

“My name is Bryce Grabanski, and I am a Junior at NDSU getting an undergraduate degree in Agricultural Economics. I love golf, waterskiing, and pushing the boundaries of my own abilities. I dabble in coding, woodworking, axe throwing, and teaching myself new skills as often as I can. My biggest dream is to start my own company and create more value for my customers than I ever collect in revenue.”



CAMERON LANDIS

🎓 AREA OF STUDY: BUSINESS (MBA)

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ABOUT ME:

"Cam Landis is originally from northeast Ohio and is in his 2nd year of the MBA program at NDSU, following an undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania in Anthropology. He is also a proud member of NDSU's track and field team as a thrower and currently sits #9 on the school's all-time list in the shot put. In July of 2023, he won the Israeli national championship in the shot put as well. In the summer of 2023, Cam was an intern at Holborn Corporation, a reinsurance brokerage headquartered in New York City. In addition to this, he is a member of Pathway Ventures, a graduate teaching assistant for the Center for Entrepreneurship and Family Business, and very interested in the regional start-up ecosystem."



JAKE SCHUMACHER

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ABOUT ME:

"Recently, I started my 3rd year as a PhD student in the department of microbiological sciences where I study rhizobia and their symbiosis with legume plants. I am also involved in NDSU's iGEM team. This year, our project is focused on creating a biosensor to detect a common honeybee parasite, varroa mites. In my free time, I like to practice permaculture in my garden and pretend that I am a chef in my kitchen."