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## FIU Chapter of National Academy of Inventors will host discussion with Florida entrepreneurs

The FIU National Academy of Inventors Chapter and the FIU Division of Research will host a panel discussion with Florida entrepreneurs. The panelists will share their experiences in creating, funding and identifying resources for startup companies. The panelists include:

### Stephanie Warrington, MBA, MHA



Ms. Warrington is the Co-Founder and past President of a spinal implant development company, TrueMotion Spine, Inc., and a Principal with Synogen. She has extensive health care industry and medical technology

start-up experience both in the United States and the United Kingdom. Her technology commercialization experience encompasses university-based bioengineering and research management. She has experience with technology evaluation, licensing, market research, business strategy and plan development, and all aspects of starting and running a technology-based business. Prior to launching TrueMotion Spine, she was a co-founder and vice president of corporate development at Xhale, Inc., a Synogen portfolio company. Ms. Warrington has also served as a key founding or support team member in the launch and growth of several med-tech start-up companies.

### Carlos Hondal, Founder and C.E.O. of XDG Technologies, LLC

Mr. Hondal is an executive in financial, risk and operational environments. He is also the founder and principal of CMH Advisors. His specialty is in governance, risk management and compliance. He has extensive experience in upgrading and restructuring varied departments and divisions within entities of different



sizes and structures. Mr. Hondal has been a general partner and early-stage investor in venture capital investment funds and initial public offerings. He received his Master's degree in Accounting from FIU.

### Alison Tanner Entrepreneur in Residence Florida Institute of Commercialization of Research

Ms. Tanner is responsible for research partner institutions and projects throughout southeast Florida. She has extensive experience executing the kinds of initiatives that propel companies more rapidly towards their strategic goals. Prior to joining the Institute, as head of Tanner Growth, she worked with companies' leaders to identify promising and strategically relevant new directions, formulate sound plans to move forward in those directions and to execute de novo launches, mergers or acquisitions, strategic alliances and joint ventures.



**The event will be held in the MARC Pavilion on November 20, 2014 from 5:30 to 8 pm.** Food and beverages will be provided. Kindly RSVP at [https://fiu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_9STOcg3EI7SOJCJ](https://fiu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9STOcg3EI7SOJCJ)

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