



*Boulder, Colorado*

## **SIREUS Entrepreneurs Forum in Colorado, March 2024**

### **Preliminary AGENDA**

## Day 1 - Pre-Event

March 18, 2024

*Venues: Mt Sanitas Trailhead, Eldora Ski Resort, and the lobby at St Julien Hotel & Spa, 900 Walnut St, Boulder, CO 80302*

### **12PM Guided hike in Boulder (optional attendance)**

Interested in exploring the Rocky Mountains and enjoying some breathtaking views? This group hike will take you up Mount Sanitas, one of Boulder's most famous mountains with breathtaking views of the Rocky Mountains, all the way to the top. The hike is a moderately challenging route, no need for any technical equipment or special shoes.

### **9AM-2PM Ski Day (optional attendance)**

Skiing more your game than hiking? The closest ski resort is Eldora, about a 40 min drive. There is also a bus that leaves from downtown Boulder, schedule and info [here](#).

**This day can also be used for individual meetings and visits of your choice.**

### **4PM Happy Hour with Cooley, LLP and Ascent Deep Tech Accelerator**

After the optional day activities we will host our official welcome mingle at one of the iconic hotels in downtown Boulder with views of the Flatiron Mountains. This event is generously hosted by Cooley LLP, one of the world's leading business law firms. Dr. Mike Nelson, Partner at Cooley LLP, one of Colorado's top business lawyers, with experience from many IPOs, acquisitions and fundraising rounds in quantum, life sciences, and cleantech, will be joining us. Take the chance to ask all your questions! We will be joined by the Ascent Deep Tech accelerator teams this evening, 17 teams in cleantech, life science, quantum - as well as the mentors associated with the program. A good opportunity to get your network growing in Colorado.



Mt Sanitas, Boulder



Eldora Ski Resort

Day 2

March 19, 2024

*Venue: Venture Partners office, 4845 Pearl East Circle (3rd floor), Boulder, CO, 80301.*

**11AM-1.15PM Welcome Reception**

Introductions: teams and university staff

Introduction to the Colorado tech ecosystem presented by the State of Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade

Lunch and Q&A with Bill Powell, early stage investor, Anthropy Partners.

**1.30-3 PM Industry Specific Sessions**

**Cleantech Mentoring Session**

1.30-3 PM Roundtable discussion with cleantech investor Schaffer Ochstein from Climate Capital for cleantech teams and coaches.

**Life Science Mentoring Session**

1.30-3 PM Roundtable discussion with Hannah Nelson, Associate Director of Licensing and lead of the life science portfolio for Venture Partners, Licensing Analyst Justin Stitzlein and Mark Lupa, Partner, BuffGold Ventures, Life Science investor.

**LucentWave Mentoring Session**

1.30-3 PM LucentWave 1-1 meeting with Dr. Tasso von Windheim, BuffGold Ventures and Stefan Palmberg, fm. British Telecom. Separate visit to Zayo Group (TBC) after.

## Day 3 - Individual Meeting Day

### March 20, 2024

*All meetings and events this day will take place at Black Lab X, Boulder, CO, 3550 Frontier Ave STE D, Boulder, CO 80301.*

#### **11AM -1PM Pitch practice with industry expert/mentor feedback**

**Teams will get the chance to practice their pitch on stage in front of an audience specific to their industry. Feedback will be given in focus groups**

**Life Science teams feedback:** Barton Emery, Inflect Health, former Mayo Clinic, James Willett, Healthcare Exec, Kara Scheer, Strategy and Operations at Belay Diagnostics, Niclas Wihlborg KBI Biopharma, Liz Scott, pharma executive/consultant.

**Cleantech teams feedback:** Craig Weich, Breakthrough Energy Ventures, Joseph Paterson-Roberts, Colorado Cleantech Industries Association, Ken Carlson, Boreas Capital Partners, Kip Stringfellow, VU Ventures.

**Lucent Wave feedback:** Maitreyhi Gopalakrishnan, PrecisionTerra, and Isaac Davenport, Product Dev. Expert.

**Lunch and refreshments will be provided for all to grab when convenient during or between meetings.**

**1-2 PM Lucent Wave:** 1-1 meeting with Edoardo Rizzi, VIAVI Solutions.

#### **2-3PM Workshop with Ceri Koski, Partner at WR Immigration.**

*Ceri works with small tech startups to large corporations on immigration issues. Ceri will give you all an interview of the processes and systems to think about as you enter the US market with your company, and will host a Q&A session afterwards.*

#### **3-5PM Inspirational event with Ascent Deep Tech Accelerator**

*Growing your venture in the USA. Learn from entrepreneurs that have grown their ventures in the US market. Inspiration and mentoring with serial entrepreneur JP O'Brien, and Swedish/American guest entrepreneurs.*



Day 4

March 21, 2024

*Venue: University of Colorado, Denver (downtown)*

**9.30-11.30AM Denver's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Panel Discussion, Q&A+lunch**

Leveraging Denver's vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem to set up a business in the US and how to do this

Michael Bevis, City of Denver's Director of Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Matt Clark, Pangea Consulting

**Destination Startup Day 1**

*Venue: Le Meridien Hotel, 1475 California St, Denver, CO 80202*

1-1.50 PM Welcome remarks and investor panel

**2-2.50 PM Pitch event: teams will get a 5 minute pitch in front of investors, more information to come.**

3-4.50PM i-Corps teams pitch

Optional happy hour at Le Meridien / meetings and follow-ups from connections made through the day

**Day 5**

**March 22, 2024**

*Venue: Le Meridien Hotel, 1475 California St, Denver, CO 80202*

**Destination Startup Day 2**

7AM Complimentary Breakfast

7.30AM Welcoming Remarks

7.45AM Keynote address

8.30AM Showcase Begins (tracks by sector)

noon Keynote and lunch

1.30PM Showcase Continues (tracks by sector)

5PM Happy Hour

6PM End of event

For updates, see:

<https://www.colorado.edu/venturepartners/researchers-inventors/funding-opportunities-support/destination-startup>



*Denver, Colorado*