

Lecture 8

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Erik Sander serves on the Board of Directors for several world class organizations, is a published technical author, and is a recipient of the NASA Achievement Award and the Martin Marietta Eagle Award. He currently teaches entrepreneurship at the graduate level at the University of Florida. Sander received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Florida and Master of Science in Management of Technology (Cum Laude) from the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

His career spans a broad range of professional experiences – from working as a scientist and engineer in NASA's labs and Fortune 500 companies (such as Lockheed Martin and General Electric) to experiencing the thrill of entrepreneurship, the intensity of the private equity industry, and the cutting edge research of academia.

Starting in 1995, Erik served his Alma Mater, the University of Florida, as Director of the University Center, Associate Director for the Engineering Research Center, and Director of Industry Programs for the College of Engineering programs - all directed at fostering industrial collaboration, entrepreneurship, and technology commercialization.

He was a Principal for Cenetec Ventures, a private technology incubator and early stage venture fund and, along the way, he grew several successful start-up companies in areas ranging from real estate development to technology deployment. He draws on these experiences as he teaches entrepreneurship at the graduate level at the University of Florida.

Lecture Topic:

"Commercializing University-Generated Technology: The Case of the University of Florida"

Erik Sander will discuss how the University of Florida has built industrial collaboration, technology licensing and entrepreneurship programs to commercialize university-generated technologies and how other institutions can benefit from UF's lessons learned over the years.

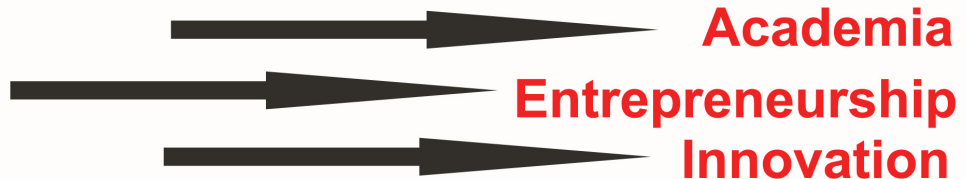
Lecture will be held on Friday, May 7th 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

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