

Herbert W. Vanden Brul

STUDENT ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARD



Nathan DeMario

MS, Mechanical Engineering: Thermodynamics & Fluid Mechanics

Nathan DeMario is the co-founder of Phase Innovations, LLC, a startup company using innovative technologies to improve efficiencies in cooling and dehumidification systems. Its efforts have been recognized by a \$1.1 million grant from NYSERDA to support the development and commercialization of its technology.

Nathan is a resident Clean Energy Incubator client in RIT's Venture Creations Incubator and a participant in the NextCorps Manufacturing Scale-Up program. He was the winner of RIT's 2019 Business Model Competition.



Brandon Hudson

BS, Individualized Study: Computer Science and Web & Mobile Computing

Brandon Hudson is the CEO of Connexus, a company that is set to disrupt the building management industry by streamlining the installation, maintenance and management of HVAC systems. Brandon's work with Connexus runs in tandem with his education, a custom program focused on computer science and internet technologies, while giving him access to mentors across the RIT campus. Working with RIT's Venture Creations business incubator has sharpened his business acumen as Connexus accelerates its business.



Eva Skovli

MS, Professional Studies: Digital Marketing and Communications

Eva Skovli is a deaf graduate student from Norway. She aims to be a social entrepreneur and has her own lifestyle blog. She is currently working with a startup named VeeTV. VeeTV is "the Netflix of sign language content videos." She hopes to pave the way for deaf and hard of hearing entrepreneurs by exploring innovative communication solutions to make the world more accessible.

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Herbert W. Vanden Brul Student Entrepreneurial Award, established this year, is intended to recognize outstanding RIT undergraduate or graduate student(s) who have demonstrated the potential to become successful entrepreneurs.