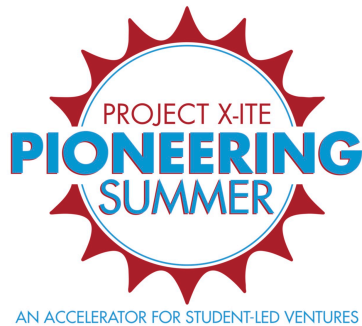


Pioneering Summer & X Mentor

Igniting an Innovator's Mindset



PIONEERING SUMMER. 10 WEEKS. NINE COMPANIES. 45 MENTORS.



- 30 undergraduate and graduate students across nine teams received financial support, dedicated mentors, workshops led by Denver's greatest innovators, and other resources to take their ventures to the next level.
- At the end of the program, students pitched their companies to ~100 community members, business leaders, and mentors at Demo Day at Catalyst HTI.
- The results were amazing!
 - Atomata, a grow-tech company, was accepted into the Y-Combinator advisor track mentorship program.
 - PocketChange, a micro-giving platform, received angel funding and made it to the DSW Pitch Competition semi-finals.
 - Boobi Butter, a breast health company, distributed its product in Nigeria through an educational campaign.
- All nine companies are still working together and beginning to generate revenue.
- A new pre-accelerator incubator and post-accelerator traction program are now being developed.



X MENTOR – CONNECTING STUDENTS WITH DENVER'S BRIGHTEST MINDS



- Innovators, business, and community leaders volunteer to serve as mentors to students and their ventures.
- Mentors can choose four ways to support students: a dedicated mentor to a team, a just-in-time support for a quick advising session, a mentor for a group of students at once, or a single-day event mentoring session.
- This is a great resource for students and a tangible way for the community to get involved with DU and support the next generation of innovators.
- More than 105 community members have volunteered to serve as mentors.
- In October, Project X-ITE launched a new mentoring platform that makes it easy for students to connect with mentors, and for community mentors to showcase their expertise and engage with students.

"I like being able to choose which mentor I want to meet with because I can get help with what's most important to building my company at the time."

**- Grant Kochmann
Founder of Newton**



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