



ECenter Honors

UNH's Entrepreneurship Center receives award for student engagement

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UNH's Peter T. Paul Entrepreneurship Center (ECenter) received the 2022 Excellence in Student Engagement in Entrepreneurship Award from the [Deshpande Foundation](#) at the national [Deshpande Symposium on Innovation & Entrepreneurship in Higher Education](#) in Cleveland recently.

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activities that support the
development of entrepreneurial
awareness, skills and practice. The
Deshpande Symposium brings
together more than 350 higher
education entrepreneur practitioners
from colleges and universities around
the United States to share and
discuss current and future trends and
ways to increase student
engagement in innovation and
entrepreneurship.

The award to [UNH's](#)

[Entrepreneurship Center](#) was based

upon the ECenter's signature high-impact experiential programs,
including the nationally recognized [i2 Passport Program](#), the first-
year Idea + Innovation Society Program, the sophomore year
[Shaw Innovation Explorers Program](#), idea coaching, the [Summer
Seed Grant](#) and [Summer Paid Student Internships at Start-up
Program](#), among many others. More importantly, the award
recognizes the ECenter for the successful student outcomes from
these programs.

“For a center that is just over six years old, this is a significant
honor on the national stage,” says ECenter executive director Ian
Grant.

“This award is a tribute to the belief by ECenter donors, advisory
board members and UNH administration in our ECenter vision
and for their unwavering support. Because each of our signature
programs are donor-funded, it is important to note this award
would not even have been possible without their financial
support,” Grant adds. “I am grateful to all of our stakeholders and
celebrate the true beneficiaries, who are the curious, hard-

working, passionate and fun UNH students who are committed to dream big dreams, solve problems with their ideas and push themselves to be successful at multiple levels.”

Grant also thanked [Steven Tello](#), [Tom O'Donnell](#) and [Raj Melville](#) for their hard work to coordinate the symposium, hosted at Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

The award will sit in the hallway of honors at the ECenter. “We will pause to celebrate the honor, but our mantra is that ‘yesterday’s hits don’t win tomorrow’s ballgames,’” says Grant. “We will continue to work hard to develop and launch more programs over the next year to fill the important program gaps in student co-curricular experiential learning.”

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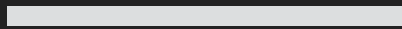
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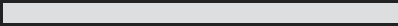
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