



Grow Wabash County Announces Two Entrepreneurship Pitch Competitions for Young Wabash County Entrepreneurs

Media Release

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WABASH COUNTY (January 23, 2019) - Grow Wabash County and our entrepreneurship partners are excited to announce two high school entrepreneur business pitch competitions for Wabash County students this spring.

The first competition, hosted through the state by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, Indiana Department of Education, and Ball State University, is called *Innovate Within*. INnovate Within is open to all Indiana high school students grades 9 through 12. Participants may register as an individual or as group of up to three students. This statewide competition gives participants an opportunity to win up to \$100,000 in prizes. Interested students can find out more about the competition and apply at www.innovatewithin.org. Winning teams will be selected from the applicants will be announced by February 22, 2019 and will receive an invitation to compete at the Northeast Regional pitch competition at The Summit in Fort Wayne on March 12, 2019. Finalists from each regional competition will advance to a state competition late in March. Find out more information at www.innovatewithin.org or by calling Grow Wabash County at 260.563.5258.

Grow Wabash County is also proud to announce the first-ever local pitch competition only for Wabash County high school students. *INnovate Wabash County*, presented by INGUARD is a county-wide “Shark-Tank” style competition for Wabash County high school students that will be held on April 16, 2019 at Ford Theater located in the Honeywell Center. Participants can be individuals or groups of up to 4 students from grades 9-12. Participants will compete with a business pitch against fellow Wabash County students for a chance to win cash, scholarships, and other prizes. Students need to register by April 5, 2019 at growwabashcounty.com/entrepreneurship.

Funding for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years for this local pitch competition comes to Grow Wabash County as part of a grant from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to support entrepreneurship programs throughout the county. Steering committee members that helped organize this local pitch competition include: Jason Callahan, Brian Evans, Keith Gillenwater, Kari Johnson, Mike Keaffaber, Shelly Leifer, Tyler Olson, and Tenille Zartman.

About Grow Wabash County

Grow Wabash County (legal name Wabash County Business Alliance Inc.) is a not-for-profit corporation that spearheads economic and community development efforts in Wabash County, Indiana. GWC is designed around five pillars of service - assisting business development needs, promoting livability, fostering entrepreneurship, supporting workforce development, and offering programming and investor services. GWC was formed with the merger of the EDG of Wabash County and Wabash County Chamber of Commerce in July 2017. For more information about GWC, please visit www.growwabashcounty.com or call us at 260.563.5258