



BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Summary Report

September 2016 - March 2017





Impact Summary

September 2016 - March 2017

2016-2017 (Yr)

18

Jobs Created

53

36

Jobs Retained

101

\$573,376

Investment

\$1,122,591





Start-Ups

September 2016 - March 2017

10

Start-Ups Established

3

Competitions Applications

8 Teams

Participation NVDE





Pivoting Boost

September 2016 - March 2017

10 EXISTING BUSINESSES

Supported by one-one services

10

Innovation Interns

3

Internship Enterprises



Internship Partners





Ecosystem Builder

September 2016 - March 2017

8

Entrepreneurial Events

18

Active Mentors and Collaborators

4

University Innovation Fellows (UIF)



Clínica Legal



Success Stories

Example

September 2016 - March 2017



Wonderen's Foods

inaugurated their new installations on January.



PARKNET

In December 2016, Parknet demonstrated their product "Gate Logic" to potential investors and in February 2017 they won the Global Student Entrepreneurial Awards regional competition and will be going in April to the finals in Frankfurt, Germany.



Spotin

SpotIn successfully completed the I-Corps PR Program during the spring and fall cohorts.



Social Innovation Hub

September 2016 - March 2017

- 156 social innovators certified Online.
- Professional Certification of “How to successfully write project proposals”.



Press Engagements

September 2016 - March 2017

Negocios

Panawest ofrecerá variedad de productos de pana



El grupo de empresas Panawest, con sede en Puerto Rico, ofrece una amplia variedad de productos de pana, desde ropa hasta accesorios. Los productos están diseñados para ser cómodos y prácticos, ideales para el uso diario o en actividades deportivas. La empresa se compromete a ofrecer productos de alta calidad a precios accesibles.

PARKNET WINS P.R. GLOBAL STUDENT ENTREPRENEUR AWARDS

By [Miguel Ángel](#) | [November 23, 2017](#) | [Business News](#)

News & My Business

Alexis L. Ramos, founder of Parknet, a technology company focused on cloud efficiency systems, was selected as winner of the local edition of the Global Student Entrepreneur Awards (GSEA) during a ceremony last last week.

GSEA is offered by the Entrepreneur Organization (EO), and is one of the main global competitions for student entrepreneurs who actively run a business.

As a winner of the local edition, Ramos will get the opportunity to compete in the global final, which will be held in Frankfurt, Germany in April.

We will also receive a series of prizes sponsored by local partners and collaborators, including \$20,000 in advertising from Tactica Media Group, \$10,000 in consulting services from Parknet, LLC, \$2,000 in branding consulting by Colibri Media, and a flight by TACTICOM, a helicopter by SkyFly, and team uniforms by RoadPro.

The local GSEA competition is the first initiative stemming from a collaboration agreement signed by EO's Puerto Rico Chapter (EO-PR) and Grupo Guayama, Inc. (GGI).

The event, which was held at Fundación Banco Popular, brought together a group of representatives from multiple organizations that support local entrepreneurial initiatives, as well as other collaborators from the local business community.

During the activity, two finalists, both students at the University of Puerto Rico's Mayagüez Campus, had the opportunity to present their ventures to the audience and a jury that included Wally González from the Herbol Group, Esteban Colón from Satchi Search & Search, Teneo Cabrera from TACTICOM, Jorge González from Tactica Media Group, Christian González from Bluewaters, and Mark Warner Vargas, Founder of E Sports and 2017 GSEA Puerto Rico winner.

PR. Science Trust Launches Entrepreneurial Network

By [Denise Odeh](#) on November 10, 2016



From left, Anne Heppner, Executive Director, Denise Rodriguez, Colmenafili Manager and Lucy Orrego, CEO of PR. Science Trust and Research Trust.

SUN JAZZ — The Puerto Rico Science, Technology and Research Trust has launched Colmenafili, a specialized network that connects entrepreneurs with resources and service providers to spur new business, the trust announced Wednesday.

The network stems from the need to help entrepreneurs find the best resources at the right time, program manager Denise M. Rodriguez said. "We achieve this by referring entrepreneurs to the resource providers that will help them start to grow their business, and by monitoring the results. This kind of network has proven to be very effective in the United States and elsewhere in the world, and we are very pleased to implement it locally," she added.

"Colmenafili is perfectly aligned with our mission to invest, facilitate and build capacity to continuously advance Puerto Rico's economy and its citizens' well-being, through innovation-driven enterprises, science, and technology and its industrial base," Lucy Orrego, CEO of the PR. Science Trust said.

The program, which launched on the eve of the Global Entrepreneur Week on Nov. 16-20, provides access to specialized service providers through a hotline, (787) 525-4111, and an online search tool available at [www.colmenafili.com](#), as well as a calendar of events of interest for entrepreneurs, all free.

Some of the services available include marketing, financial planning, sales, access to capital, technology product development, education and training, government contracts, and operations, among others. Network content is also available in Spanish.



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