

Local startup community organizer chosen to mentor entrepreneurs internationally

Daytona Beach, FL (DATE) -- Tyler LeCompte, a Daytona Beach, FL resident and Director of Sales & Business Development of Net Works, Inc., has been selected to serve as a mentor to international startup community organizers at the upcoming Global Entrepreneurship Congress (GEC) next month in Istanbul. LeCompte is one of six experts throughout the U.S. who will train organizers of Startup Huddle, a new program intended to help entrepreneurs around the world thrive by strengthening their local support networks.

"I'm honored to represent the Daytona Beach region's entrepreneurial community, 1 Million Cups and the Ewing Kauffman Foundation at the upcoming GEC in Istanbul," said LeCompte. "To be able to share what 1 Million Cups has meant to me, to my fellow 1MC organizers, our communities and encourage its' spread on the global stage is so exciting!"

Startup Huddle was launched by the Global Entrepreneurship Network in 2017 and currently has locations in 19 cities including Amman, Johannesburg, Moscow, Riyadh, Toronto and Taiwan.

The Global Entrepreneurship Congress gathers thousands of entrepreneurs, investors, policymakers, researchers and support organizations from more than 170 countries. GEC 2018 is the 10th anniversary of the event which was first hosted in 2009 by the Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City.

LeCompte was selected for their experience as a Daytona Beach, FL organizer for 1 Million Cups, a Kauffman program in more than 160 U.S. communities based on the notion that entrepreneurs discover solutions and network over a million cups of coffee.

He will bring the experience back from Istanbul and share it with Daytona Beach-area entrepreneurs and other startup champions at a special 1 Million Cups event during Global Entrepreneurship Week in November.

1 Million Cups Daytona Beach (1MCDB) is a weekly entrepreneurial networking event designed to Connect, Inspire, Educate and Empower entrepreneurs and the business community throughout Volusia County. Since opening the local chapter in 2014, 1MCDB's team of volunteer organizers has hosted over 100 presenters sharing their entrepreneurial stories. 1MCDB meets every Wednesday at 9am at the Cinematique Theatre in downtown Daytona Beach and is FREE to attend thanks to support from local partners and sponsors. For more information, or to apply to present, visit www.1MCDB.com

"It's such an amazing opportunity to meet entrepreneurs and ecosystem builders from across the globe, hear their stories, learn from their success and hopefully bring the best ideas back to

the Daytona Beach community.,” said LeCompte. “In the four years since we launched, we have seen 1 Million Cups have a profound impact on the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Volusia County and North Florida, connecting existing resources as well as introducing several new ones. I am truly honored to help mentor similar change around the world through the Startup Huddle program, the international version of 1 Million Cups.”

To learn more about 1 Million Cups, go to: <https://www.1millioncups.com/daytonabeach>

To learn more about the Global Entrepreneurship Congress, or to register, go to: <http://gec.co>.