



Industry Panel Moderated by Lou Guthrie, LED Fast Start

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Industry Panel

Moderated by:



Lou Guthrie, LED Fast Start

Lou manages the DXC/Higher Education Partnership, helping Louisiana colleges ensure they are meeting the needs of Louisiana's tech industry. Prior to joining FastStart, she was the Director of the National Higher Education Benchmarking Institute and served as President of Guthrie Research Group, Inc., a benchmarking consulting company. She received her PhD from Virginia Tech and her MS from Southern Illinois University. Lou was also a faculty member at Oregon State University.

Friday, July 26, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Digital Media Center Theater

Guest speakers



• **Elia Brodsky**

Co-founder and CEO

Pine Biotech - Big Biomedical Data Analytics

He has extensive experience in early stage startup development, including corporate structure, business development and non-dilutive funding. After completing his bachelors degree in visual communications, he attended the Harvard Business School HBX CORE program. Under his leadership, the Pine Biotech team is working with academic and industry partners on diverse projects in the field of data science, bioinformatics, genomics and biomedical research.



• **Blake Gonzales**

High Performance Computing Scientist
Dell Technologies

Before his current position, he worked on the Space Shuttle program at Morton-Thiokol, Texas Instruments Defense Systems, and Exxon. For the last 10 years at Dell Technologies he has architected Supercomputers for Fortune 50 companies, and also designed LSU's SuperMike II. He received his M.S. in Computer Science from Colorado State University, and his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from LSU.



• **Christian Holdsworth**

Scrum Master
DXC Technology

He has worked at Get Online NOLA and started his own small business in 2016 in smart phone accessories. Before starting his career in IT he held a variety of positions in the digital media industry, while studying to receive his BA in Film and Media Arts at LSU. Currently, as a Scrum Master at DXC Technology, he focuses on project facilitation and execution in the Travel, Transportation, and Hospitality sector.



• **Josh Sonnier**

Director Emerging Technology Practice
CGI Federal

Josh is mathematician and physicist by training with a diverse technical background including pure research, data science, software development, and industrial R&D. After many years in academia, he transitioned to the private sector and continues to enjoy it. He currently leads a team focusing on cloud development, data science, machine learning, and automation at CGI, a global IT company with 77,000 members around the world and over 500 in Lafayette.

On the agenda

- **Personal career paths**
- **Their insights about how work in industry is different or similar to academia**
- **Job, research, and internship opportunities in their companies**

Refreshments at 9:30 a.m.



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