No Classroom? No Problem!

Cohort II Training

After selecting Cohort II for the OU Impact Accelerator, we launched the educational training on April 28th and 29th. We started with a two-day virtual seminar, focused on "Identity". Going forward, we will have bi-weekly presentations and workshops to continue building with the nonprofit ventures.

- **Words of Inspiration:** Allen Fagin started our program with words of inspiration. In this time of crisis, "the scope of opportunity is proportionate to the scope of the challenge." And, that our Accelerator winners have been leaders in bringing creativity and innovation to our community in the past and should continue to do so as we advance forward.

- **Leadership:** Rebecca Schrag Mayer, Yachad’s Director of Informal Education, taught us how to use our personality, based on Myers Briggs, to better know ourselves and strengthen our teams. Pro Tip: send an agenda in advance of a meeting in order to allow for introverts and extroverts to collect their thoughts and best be able to participate.

- **Foundations:** Our theme for Seminar One was “Identity: Who are you, your venture, and the cohort”. All of these questions rely on building strong foundations. Rabbi David Pardo encouraged us to think about our mission, vision and objectives and Becca Zebovits challenged us to use these foundations to identify our theory of change.

- **Focus:** Rabbi Dr. Josh Joseph, Senior Vice President at Yeshiva University, challenged us to think about the customers we service and focus on what we do do. We cannot do it all, so we must do what is best based on our strengths, interests, and what is needed in the community. Shalom Orlian helped us use goal setting in order to remain focused on our objectives.

**Meet the Leaders**

We’re kicking off our mentor programming on May 26th. Reach out to join our "Meet the Leaders" event and learn more about the Cohort II ventures and what they are
working on this year. Mentors will share their backgrounds and interests to inform future consulting with each of the venture founders.

**Summer 2020**

**YU Consulting Force:** we are collaborating with Yeshiva University’s Consulting Force, through which student groups will be paired with our Accelerator ventures. The students in the consulting force are learning from YU alumni who work at Accenture and Deloitte Consulting.

**Summer Experience Volunteership:** The OU Accelerator is launching a virtual volunteer internship for college students. Students will have the opportunity to work with Cohort I and Cohort II ventures, while working together as part of a summer program with the Accelerator. Apply here

Want to see how the Accelerator ventures are operating in this environment? Check out our social media for the Venture Spotlight Series.

Sincerely,

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