
Bioenergy Entrepreneur Panel

Open to Public

Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 6:00 pm

Cordley Hall 3121

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Learn about the different bioenergy and bioproducts
industries and entrepreneurial opportunities
in this emerging industry
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David Hackleman – OilExTech

Dr. Hackleman has been leading various R&D and engineering projects at HP before retiring as the Chief Technologist. Recently he has been involved with OilExTech, a Corvallis-based company that designs and markets small scale kitchen-friendly units for producing essential oils. David has been mentoring OSU Bioenergy Minor students on research projects.

Chris Vitello – EcNow Tech

Mr. Vitello is president of EcNowTech, a company that produces eco-friendly compostable bioplastic utensils. You can see many of those utensils on campus in dining halls (forks, spoons, etc). He has been sponsoring engineering capstones with project ideas and some materials.

Bob Cantrell – Entrepreneur

Mr. Cantrell is a seasoned entrepreneur, investor and technology developer. He is also a CPA with profound experience in business model development and financial analysis. Mr. Cantrell is currently working on developing animal feed and nutraceuticals enriched in omega-3 fatty acids (DHA). He is also interested in gas fermentation to ethanol.

Shawn Freitas – Thermochem Recovery International

Dr. Freitas has been involved with OSU Bioenergy Education Initiative and developed and taught bioenergy classes within the Bioenergy Minor. He works with Thermochem Recovery International, a firm in Maryland specialized in gas-to-liquid biofuel technologies. He is also working on entrepreneurial projects related to anaerobic digestion of manure and agricultural waste, with the purpose of producing biomethane and electricity.

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