



# CONNECTpreneur

A global community of over 44,000 CEOs, Entrepreneurs, VCs and angels, CXOs and other business leaders featuring awesome networking, newsmaking speakers, and showcases of exciting early stage companies.

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COMPANY PROFILE

# INTRODUCTION

Founded in 2012, the Big Idea CONNECTpreneur Forum is a global community of over 44,000 CEOs, entrepreneurs, VCs and angels, CXOs and other business leaders. We run the world's largest virtual investor pitch events. We also run the New York Private Equity Forums which has produced over 100 large scale investor pitch events since 2001.





# KEY PRODUCTS & SERVICES



## VIRTUAL INVESTOR-ONLY MEETINGS

The world's largest investor pitch events, with the greatest number of accredited investors, VCs, private investors and angels.



## IN-PERSON INVESTOR CONFERENCES

Bi-monthly in person networking mashups, which have been attended by over 44,000 business leaders over the past 24 years.



## CONNECTails

Where our community comes together to meet, greet, learn about new opportunities, network, imbibe, and relax in a lively professional atmosphere.



## MASTER CLASSES

Led by top tier instructors and sponsors, Master Classes are deep dives into topics ranging from AI to marketing to business strategy.



## SPONSORSHIPS

Leverage our database of 250,000 investors, entrepreneurs, and business leaders.



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## CONNECTPRENEUR INVESTOR NETWORK: VIRTUAL MEETING

Curated presenters.  
Investors Only.

# INVESTOR NETWORK: VIRTUAL MEETING



2 Virtual Investor-Only Meetings per year



Largest monthly investor pitch events in the world



All virtual events are free and on Zoom



Includes networking through the chat box



Investor polling after each presentation





We are hosting 16 In-Person events in 2026 :

 DMV/Baltimore Region (6)

 Southern California (3)

 Las Vegas

 New York City (2)

 Investor Brunches/Receptions (4)

- JP Morgan Healthcare Investor Conference, SF
- BIO International Conference, San Diego
- BIO Investor Conference, Miami
- AdvaMed Conference, Boston

# IN-PERSON FORUMS





# CONNECTails



Social happy hour events hosted in conjunction with Group 3D



DMV location, 125 attendees, pure networking, no programming



4 times a year



Sponsor and exhibitor opportunities are available





# MASTER CLASSES

 8-12 per year

 Variety of awesome topics including...

- Generative AI, Voice of the customer, AI in Marketing, Mindset and personal development, IP Protection, Investor Readiness, etc.

 Led by top tier instructors





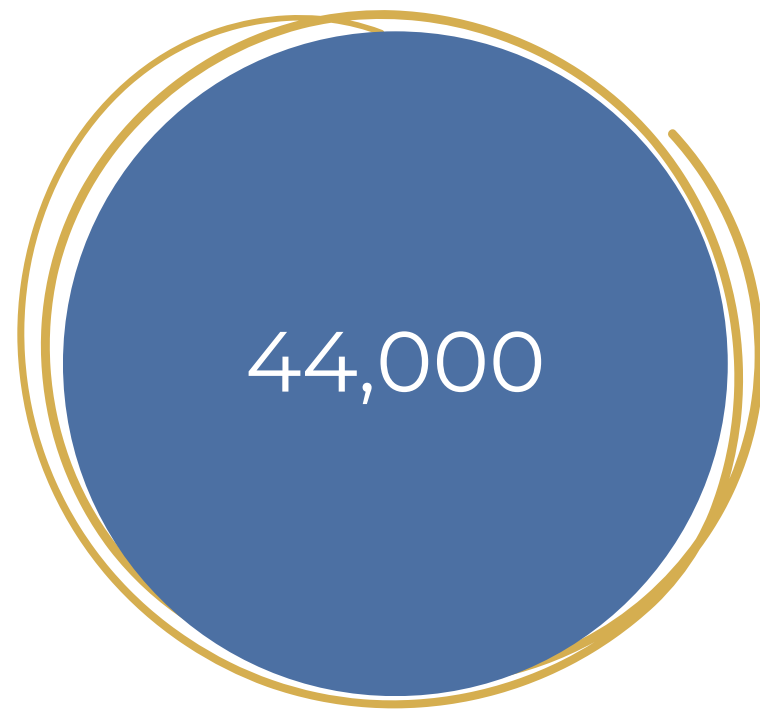
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Sponsorship opportunities are available!

Check out our [sponsor deck](#) and reach out to Skylar Rallison ([srallison@opus8.com](mailto:srallison@opus8.com)) with any questions!



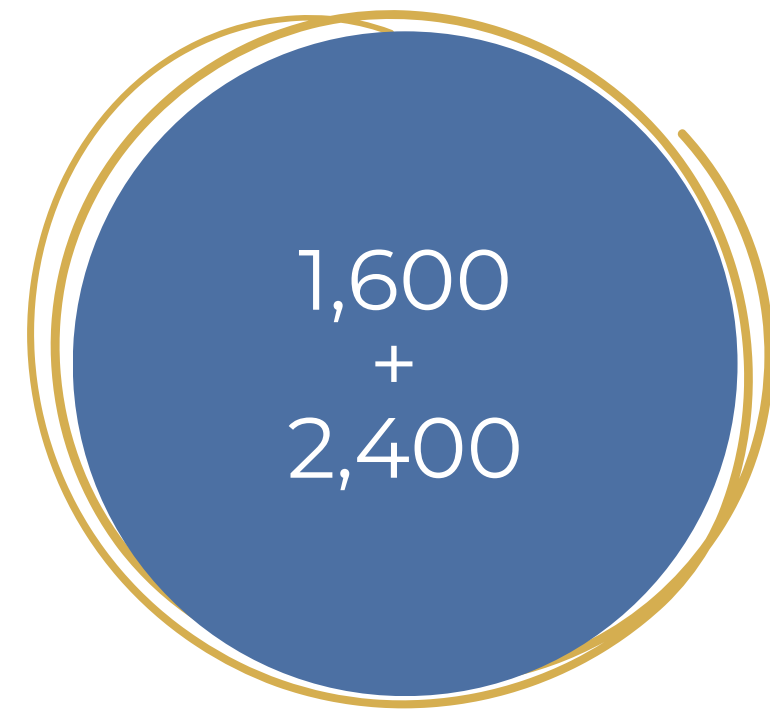
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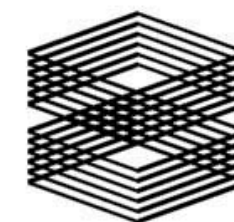
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