

University of St. Francis Opens Its Downtown Joliet Business Incubator; Accepts First Tenants

The first group of four tenants, one of which is a student start-up, has moved into the University of St. Francis' new business incubator in its downtown Joliet campus building. A formal opening is planned for a later date.



The incubator supports the economic development of the region by fostering new business development. A secondary aim of the incubator provides students from St. Francis and neighboring community colleges entrepreneurial education in a lab setting.

The University of St. Francis Business Incubator

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The Incubator provides:

- ◊ Co-working environment between startups, community members, and entrepreneurial students
- ◊ Events/lecture series promoting educational offerings for startups
- ◊ Experienced mentors for each tenant business
- ◊ Executive-in-Residence providing external connections and networking potential for new startups (coming soon)
- ◊ Professional office location in downtown Joliet (across from the Rialto) for startups to begin/continue business activities

The four tenants were chosen from a large group of applicants, and plans are underway to consider additional tenants.

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