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Charlotte Inno Approved: July's Tech & Startup Events to Know About

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Looking to grow your network, learn more about the Charlotte startup ecosystem or just get out of the house? You're in the right place.

In our Inno Approved events calendars, we list a few of the startup-, business- and tech-focused programs we find the most interesting happening throughout the month in Greater Charlotte. All descriptions are provided by the event listings and are organized in order of occurrence, one week at a time.

Keep an eye out for new events every month, and don't hesitate to [let us know](#) if there's more (or less) of a type of event you'd like to hear more of.

And! Don't forget to check out our [Events Directory](#) for even more Queen City happenings.

Editor's Note: All event descriptions are provided by their respective listings.

Week One

Wednesday, July 3 **1 Million Cups CLT:** "Are you a business owner, entrepreneur or business advisor? Join 1 Million Cups Charlotte and plug into the largest entrepreneurial community in the Queen City! Try to attend regularly — consistency gives better value! First Wednesday of every month ... just create a recurring event in your calendar. New, different, and exciting presentations each time! You'll meet like-minded entrepreneurs and business owners who understand just how difficult it is to start and grow your own business. Discover new ways to grow and new opportunities for partnership. There is a good mix of regular attendees, and visitors." 8:30 a.m. More information [here](#).

Week Two

Sunday, July 7 **Work, Mix, & Chill: A Co-Art & Launch Party for 'the iNCubator':** "As we continue to expand the vision and purpose for Dupp & Swat, we invite you to experience 'WORK, MIX & CHILL' — an information session about our co-creating, maker space, the iNCubator. the iNCubator is an urban laboratory for innovators and creatives in Charlotte and surrounding areas. We welcome entrepreneurs, artists, writers, musicians, artisans and all other creative professionals to work and create with us in a safe, affordable space! Enjoy a dope co-Arting experience, exclusive membership incentives, giveaways, and more! Bring the homies and learn more about what the iNCubator has to offer!" Dupp & Swat, 12:00 p.m. More information [here](#).

Monday, July 8 **Ballantyne Business Connection — July Networking Meeting:** "The Ballantyne Business Connections is a close-knit membership group of quality entrepreneurs, founders, startups, decision-makers, potential clients and investors that want to elevate their business through relationships and education." Another Broken Egg, 11:30 a.m. More information [here](#).

Tuesday, July 9 **Charlotte Angel Fund:** "[Charlotte Angel Fund](#) invests in early stage companies throughout North Carolina and contiguous states. CAF members are individuals who are residents of or have interests in the Charlotte area, and who wish to invest at an early stage in promising companies with strong management teams and compelling business opportunities in large markets. Since 2014, CAF has hosted its monthly member meetings in Charlotte. This year, CAF is expanding to the Lake Norman area — by adding a second monthly member meeting at The Hurt Hub@Davidson for the Lake Norman community. CAF meetings are open to everyone (even if you are not an investor in the fund). Davidson students are highly encouraged to attend — and learn more about the investment process." The Hurt Hub@Davidson, 5:30 p.m. More information [here](#).

Wednesday, July 10 **PitchBreakfast — Quarterly IDEA Fund Pitch:** "Join us on Wednesday, July 10 as we feature three local startups for our quarterly IDEA Pitch. IDEA PITCH is a special format for PitchBreakfast with IDEA Fund Partners participating as panelists that occurs once a quarter. IDEA Fund Partners is one of the most active seed and early stage venture investors in North Carolina and throughout the Southeast. We use almost the same recipe as our usual event, but instead of the full presentation, our panelists want to see a two minute elevator pitch." The Garage at Packard Place, 8:00 a.m. More information [here](#).

Charlotte Professionals After Hours Networking Event: "Enjoy a fun and engaging networking experience. Meet other professionals and business owners in a relaxed, social environment. We encourage real connections which helps each of us grow. Southpark Grill also has amazing appetizers and meals. Enjoy!" SouthPark Grill, 6:30 p.m. More information [here](#).

Thursday, July 11 **H3 : BlackTech Fireside Chat:** "We invite you to join the next event in our H3 BlackTech Series designed to create an intimate space for networking, discussion and opportunity. We will begin 30 minutes of power networking, followed by a fireside chat delivering insight from local Black Tech professionals." AvidXChange, 6:00 p.m. More information [here](#).

Friday, July 12 **Creative Mornings: Featuring Sonja Gantt** "Sonja Gantt joined Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in 2016 as the executive director of the CMS Public Schools Foundation. She arrived with a deep knowledge of the area, having served more than two decades as a journalist covering Mecklenburg County and the surrounding region as

well. Gantt's community service over the years supports her role with the foundation, which works closely with local business partners." Biddle Hall at Johnson C. Smith University, 9:00 a.m. More information [here](#).

Week Three

Tuesday, July 16 **TechTalks on Bootstraps to Billions: Building a Great Company from Scratch:** "TechTalks series is a chance for you to improve your knowledge regarding new technology and technology-related issues. Brought by [RMCSOFT](#) and [Advent Coworking](#), TechTalks target tech startups as well as all other companies utilizing software & digital products in their day-to-day operations." Chris Elmore will speak. Advent Coworking, 12:00 p.m. More information [here](#).

Wednesday, July 17 **Packard Place Public House:** "Public Houses are where people used to gather to grab a pint and talk about events of the day. It was how people communicate, collaborate and shared ideas because they were public and open to everyone. Over time, they shorten the name to pubs. Join us for our Monthly Packard Place Public House — for pints, networking, and sharing what's going on with you." The Garage at Packard Place, 5:30 p.m. More information [here](#).

Thursday, July 18 **Charlotte SPARK Sessions:** "Tired of the 'me first' networking scene? Seeking something authentic, engaging and collaborative (instead of cut-throat competitive)? We know how you feel and we'd like to invite you to join us for one of our monthly meetups at Charlotte SPARK Sessions where you can grow your personal and professional circle with like-minded people who value 'real connections' over 'shallow contacts.'" Tupelo Honey. More information [here](#).

Gray Classic 2019 Business Roundtable: "The Gray Classic Business Roundtable, the most highly anticipated Business Roundtable of the year, is part of a four day event to raise community awareness and money to support the mentoring efforts of the 100 Black Men of Greater Charlotte. This year the Business Roundtable will feature franchise owners and experts who will be discussing sharing insights into pursuing franchise ownership, owning and operating a franchise, and lessons learned." Wells Fargo - The Atrium, 5:00 p.m. More information [here](#).

To Scale or Not to Scale?: "Now that Agile is mainstream, there is less focus on the team and more on 'teams' and how to scale them. Very often, organizations use popular frameworks to help with this, often forgetting that it's still about the team. This session will be a discussion about how to keep the focus on the team while applying scaling techniques." Roy Schilling, an experienced agile coach, will speak. Cornwell Center, 6:00 p.m. More information [here](#).

Friday, July 19 **Cumulus | A Tech Symposium:** "Cumulus means to heap or pile. With information piling up around us, how are you finding the right strategy to modernize your business? Join us Friday, July 19 as the experts at CloudGenera, together with our partners and sponsors, show you ways to optimize your cloud strategy. We have a heap of information to help you make better technology decisions in minutes, not months." Hilton Charlotte University Place, 1:00 p.m. More information [here](#).

Week Four

Monday, July 22 to Friday, July 26 **Hip Hop Tech Summer Camp:** "Students apply writing and technology skills to compose and record lyrics, download beats, and mix audio in this week-long STEM workshop. Participants will be introduced to hardware, software and terminology such as mixers, MIDI keyboards, VersePerfect, Audacity, cloud storage and online music libraries. The camp schedule will cover a range of topics that will leave students well-versed in the world of music production and composition." Ages 11-18. Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture. More information [here](#). **Note:** A [free showcase](#) occurs Friday.

Week Five

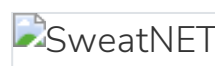
Wednesday, July 31 **Small Tweaks for BIG Results!** "Second in a three-part series to ignite growth in 2019 with proven best practices and thought-leading insights. You do not need to attend all three. Each event stands on its own! 1. May 9, 2019: Innovation, Discovery & Ingenuity: Gaining a Proprietary Edge. 2. July 31, 2019: Small Tweaks for BIG Results! 3. Aug 21, 2019: Money Myths & Magic: Managing & Funding Growth." TechWorks Gaston, Belmont; 8:15 a.m. More information [here](#).

The Unstoppable Women's Supper Club: "The Live Loud Collective Presents: The Unstoppable Women's Supper Club Q3/2019: Do Good. This quarter's supper club will celebrate 'how we as local Charlotte business owners can give back to the community we call home through our businesses' featuring the powerful story of a local domestic violence survivor who has not only survived-but thrived: creating a business that give back to other survivors. The Keynote for the evening will be [Hannah Herdinger](#) of [Threadtalk](#) (Thread Talk sells high quality blankets and cozy products that fund shelters for other survivors)." POPLAR. 6:00 p.m., \$65. More information [here](#).

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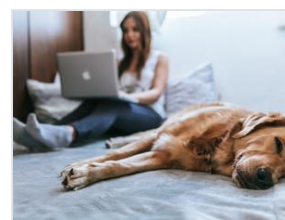
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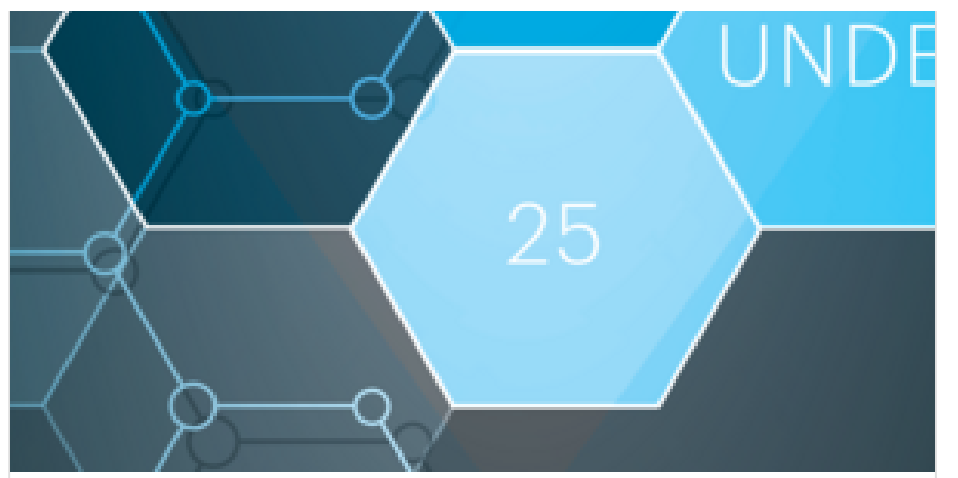
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