

# 2019 Q2 Report



#### From the Director

The second quarter of 2019 ended with <u>BASEcamp offices</u> at full capacity for the first time in BDC history. We also announced the addition of Dr. Robert LeFavi, Founding Dean of the Beaufort Campus for the University of South Carolina, as the newest strategic member of the BDC <u>Board of Directors</u>. We presented an <u>update to Beaufort City Council</u> and introduced our summer resident, <u>Life Launcher</u>. Bernice Mitchell Tate's magical Gullah Woman continues to grace BASEcamp.



We participated in the Charleston Digital
Corridor's iFiveK and the Don Ryan Center for
Innovation's Trail to Ale. We supported BDC
resident and member Keith McElveen, Wave
Sciences, as he gave his TEDx Charleston
talk. We had our first full-time coworking
subscription, along with drop-in coworkers
from far and wide including a great Google
review. We presented for Leadership
Beaufort Alumni and the Lions Club, and we
took part in the Beaufort Cultural District's
Sit In- where we made a BDC bench that will
sit at the free shuttle pickup near BASEcamp.

## RESIDENT UPDATES

Life Launcher moved in to Station #8 for our summer Live Work Mentor program. They are working with mentors to complete their business plan and have a test platform minimum viable product (MVP) ready before they depart Beaufort and return to college.

Maron Law software startup moved in to Station #3. The BDC Board is working with CEO, Meredith Lehmann on business plan and related technology, and we look forward to next steps with this promising company.





## **NEW MEMBERS**



<u>Life Launcher</u> is a platform that will provide a personalized dashboard to allow students to make the most informed financial decisions when it comes to their major, job, university, and city choice.





Maron Law software startup specializes in solutions concerning Family Law in the State of South Carolina. Stay tuned for more regarding this developing company.

KB Design focuses on corporate design, marketing assets development, general visual content development for various media from all things print to digital design, from video to animation, from 3D visualizations to environmental design. Katja is ready to work with your corporate campaign ideas.

## **RENEWING MEMBERS**



Show & Tell publishes Lowcountry Weekly and The Island news, and produces and publishes the Beaufort Visitor/Relocation, Dataw Blue Book Member, and Beaufort International Film Festival guides. SeaGate Productions, a video production company, is also part of the Show & Tell family.



607 Bay. Developers of the 607 Bay Street property both have tech-related backgrounds, with one currently in the fintech space.



Jason Williamson founded CIRTEMO, which was sold to Thorlabs on May 1, 2019. Jason's expertise is the design and manufacture of optical filters called Multivariate Optical Elements (MOE). MOEs are encoded to detect complex chemical signature or attributes for both point detection and hyperspectral imaging applications.

## **NEWS + NOTES**

Member and sponsor InterDev released an article addressing our partnership on the PRWeb: InterDev Helps Beaufort, S.C.

Launch Digital Corridor Initiative... and went on to announce that it will "sustain its commitment to the Beaufort, South Carolina-based Beaufort Digital

Corridor (BDC) through 2019 based on the program's benefits for both the city and the community it serves."





#### **COMMUNITY**

- TECHconnect saw Life Launcher's meet and greet in June and continued its momentum of seeing new techies at every event
- Fridays @ the Corridor saw the Lady's Island Middle School 8th grade robotics Team Prometheus talk about their road to VEX Worlds
- BASEcamp Gallery saw a beautiful display of Gullah
   Art put together by the Beaufort Arts Council



#### **TALENT**

- CODEcamp wrapped up its third class- thanks to instructor Matt Shaw
- SC Codes mentor and USCB student, Jarod Valvo, will be our fall CODEcamp instructor
- Live Work Mentor introduced us to this year's entrepreneurs in residence, Life Launcher
- Game On! had its first summer camp class in Junethanks to instructor Seth Konoza



#### **SPACES**

- We hit capacity for office space in June- availability changes with the month to month nature of the lease
- We saw several part and full time monthly coworking situations, and plenty of space is available with flexible options for remote workers and visitors
- A remote group rented the conference room for several days as they enjoyed their company retreat here in Beaufort



#### **CAPITAL**

- Chairman Kevin Klingler attended a venture leaders meetup to represent the Lowcountry and discuss opportunities for companies to apply for early stage investment at upcoming regional pitch events
- If anyone is interested in investment opportunities please contact us

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Forward

Often, tech startups begin with a problem that needs to be solved. Those who walk into BASEcamp and work for a day, a month, or a year have dared. What's your idea?

- Shelley Barratt, Executive Director Beaufort Digital Corridor

