



Techstars Startup Weekend is coming to Beaufort, SC

Hosted by Beaufort Digital Corridor April 29 - May 1, 2022

The Beaufort Digital Corridor is hosting the City of Beaufort's first Startup Weekend during the last weekend in April. Startup Weekend is a 54-hour event where anyone — developers, designers, business developers, marketers, teachers, students, and everyone in between — can come together to pitch an idea and launch a business, all in one weekend. It is a great opportunity to test startup ideas, meet potential co-founders, build the entrepreneurial community in Beaufort, and even launch your next startup!

Check out this video for more information.



This inaugural event will take place on April 29 - May 1 in the newly acquired South Coast Cyber Center building at 1100 Boundary St., Beaufort. Tickets are available for purchase at a 50% discount this week only for just \$15 each. Discount Code: [TAKES50](#)

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Over the course of the weekend, participants will brainstorm startup ideas, form teams, and

compete to win prizes that may help them launch the startups they create during the weekend. [The grand prize for the first place team includes a 1 year free coworking membership at the Beaufort Digital Corridor.](#)

Local judges include Dick Stewart, Beaufort’s very own serial entrepreneur and investor, and Jason Loia, a seasoned tech executive with 20 years of start-up experience in the Silicon Valley.

**Jason Loia,
Co-Founder and CEO |
Dolphin Ventures**

Jason is a seasoned technology executive who has served in various C-Level roles in Silicon Valley startups. He brings over 20 years of game production and publishing experience to the classroom, having served with industry legends such as Trip Hawkins (Founder and first-CEO of Electronic Arts), and Ilkka Paananen (CEO & Co-founder of Supercell). Jason also has deep expertise in AI and CyberSecurity, and most recently served as President of AnchorFree and subsequently CEO of CyberGhost. Jason currently advises startups on growth and monetization, as well as provides executive coaching for up-and-coming entrepreneurs.



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**Dick Stewart,
Serial Entrepreneur and
Investor**

Dick was CEO and founder of wireless start-ups with funding from major venture funds. He sold two companies to publicly traded companies. Dick has invested and served on two other startups. One is a wireless communications company that went public, another is a video search company that was sold to a public company.

Dick was a founding partner in the first company to introduce cellular telephone technology to Nigeria.

Co-investors in Stewart led companies include: The Carlyle Group, John Hancock Ventures, Chase Capital, Newstead Venture Capital, CIBC, Archery Partners, and the Advanced Technology Fund.

Stewart currently is a private investor in several firms and is Board Member or Chair of several non-profit organizations.

Selected awards include:
- Home Grown Champion: SC Department of Commerce
- SC Economic Development Ambassador, Commerce (2 times)
- Entrepreneur of the year runner up – Atlanta - Ernst and Young.



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"I'm excited for our very first Techstars Startup Weekend in Beaufort at the end of this month," said Beaufort Mayor Stephen Murray, who is on the board of the Beaufort Digital Corridor. "Our steering committee at the Beaufort Digital Corridor has been working hard to make sure our inaugural event is one for the history books. We hope anyone with an interest in entrepreneurship, regardless of their experience level, will join us for a fun weekend in Beaufort."

The lead organizer for the event is fellow board member of the Beaufort Digital Corridor, Rich Conte. "I've been fortunate to participate in and organize Startup Weekend events and they are an incredible opportunity to empower potential entrepreneurs in the community," said Conte. "For participants, it's a great way to connect and collaborate with others and to learn the fundamentals of starting a technology business."

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About Techstars Startup Weekend

Learn how to think, work, and build like a startup. In 54 thrilling hours. Techstars Startup Weekend is an exciting and immersive foray into the world of startups. Over an action-packed three days, you'll meet the very best mentors, investors, co-founders and sponsors to show you how to get more done faster -- and, maybe even start that business.



About Techstars

The Techstars worldwide network helps entrepreneurs succeed. Founded in 2006, Techstars began with three simple ideas—entrepreneurs create a better future for everyone, collaboration drives innovation, and great ideas can come from anywhere. Now we are on a mission to enable every person on the planet to contribute to, and benefit from, the success of entrepreneurs. In addition to operating accelerator programs and venture capital funds, we do this by connecting startups, investors, corporations, and cities to help build thriving startup communities. Techstars has invested in more than 2,400 companies with a combined market cap of more than \$204B. www.techstars.com



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Monthly Networking Event

TECHconnect

drinks + light bites + networking

Thurs., April 21st
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Beaufort Digital Corridor
500 Carteret St., Ste. D



About Beaufort Digital Corridor

The Beaufort Digital Corridor (BDC) is a 501(c)(6) community-sourced tech incubator focused on creating a business, education, and attractive social environment for tech entrepreneurs and tech-related companies. The BDC provides training programs that help build an educated workforce and funnel students into higher education pathways and is a partner of the South Coast Cyber Center.

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