

ENTREPRENEURS UNPLUGGED – PANELISTS

ANGELA BRATHWAITE – ROAD TRIP POTTY

Angela grew up in North Carolina and received undergraduate degrees in English and in Education from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, a Master's Degree in English Education from New York University, a Master's Degree in Education Administration from California State University at Northridge, and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Southern California.

While serving as a high school administrator, she had an accident where she incurred knee and back injuries. Needing to stay with friends, which resulted in hours commuting to medical appointments, Angela frequently found herself stuck in traffic needing to go to the restroom. After researching possible products to address the concerns of women and girls needing to go to the restroom while stuck in traffic and talking to girlfriends and mothers of young girls, Angela was inspired to create a product for both women and girls who found themselves in similar situations. Angela invented and patented the "Road Trip Potty," a portable female urinal that is splash and leak-resistant, specifically contoured to a female's body, and stores discreetly under car seats.

JACKIE CAMACHO-RUIZ – JJR MARKETING

Jacqueline Camacho-Ruiz is an award-winning entrepreneur, international speaker, philanthropist and author of nine books. She is founder of The Fig Factor Foundation focused on unleashing the amazing in young Latinas and the creator of the Today's Inspired Latina book series and international movement. Jacqueline is a regular guest on local and national TV, radio and print publications. As a two-time cancer survivor, Jacqueline possesses wisdom about life well beyond her years. She is one of the few Latina small airplane pilots in the US.

JIM ELLIOTT – DIVEHEART

Jimmy Ray Elliott left a lucrative career in media to launch a nonprofit 501(C)(3) organization called Diveheart. His vision was to build confidence and independence in children, adults and veterans with disabilities through the sport of scuba diving. Elliott was inspired to create Diveheart after teaching his blind daughter how to downhill ski. Elliott works full-time at the organization as president and does not draw a salary. He has worked with people with disabilities throughout the world, including China, Australia, Israel and the U.K., and has trained thousands of volunteers how to dive with individuals with disabilities. Elliott is a Rotary Club member and has been honored as the West Suburban Philanthropic Network Humanitarian of the Year and as a TED talks featured speaker.

"I learned how to scuba dive from Al Zamsky at College of DuPage, and I worked on the student newspaper. I never knew I'd end up joining my skills from journalism and scuba diving," he said. "I view this award as a beginning because I want to work with COD students so they can have incredible experiences."

TOM TANCREDI – DOM & TOM

Tom has 11+ years of experience coordinating creative and development teams, negotiating contracts, and project managing various businesses in industries such as education, sports, publishing, and film production. As Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer at Dom & Tom, he works with clients to develop, communicate and execute the creation of digital technology products that will enhance their business and reaffirm their company vision. Tom continues to grow and manage key relationships with new and long-standing clients at Dom & Tom by pushing the boundaries of innovation and helping clients think through their long-term digital goals and growth strategies. He also holds a Masters in Finance from Baruch College in New York City and is a passionate entrepreneur. He has personally invested in multiple start-up ventures in New York City, including John Brown's Smokehouse, which was named Best BBQ in New York City in 2012 by the Village Voice. Tom has given presentations on digital culture at multiple events for Hearst Communications, AOL Ventures, Tabula Rasa, and participated in various digital engagement panels.

DINO TSOUKATOS - LAKKOS LOGISTICS

Dino Tsoukatos is the President of Lakkos Logistics, LLC. Lakkos Logistics provides procurement and distribution services for government organizations, with a focus on fabricated metal product manufacturing and high-performance seal solutions. Prior to starting Lakkos, Dino served over 20 years on Active Duty in the United States Air Force. His military career included a mix of operational and staff assignments. As a career logistician and aircraft maintenance officer, he has experience on 15 different weapon systems, including the A-10, C-130, E-3, F-15, F-22, HH-60, KC-10, KC-135, RQ-4, and U-2 aircraft. He also served on the HQ U.S. Air Force Staff in the Pentagon, and has deployed numerous times in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, and INHERENT RESOLVE