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## United States celebrates National Entrepreneurship Week 2019 February 16-23

Hundreds of communities across the country collaborate to elevate local entrepreneurship

February 8, 2019 – National Entrepreneurship Week ([@NatIEshipWeek](https://twitter.com/NatIEshipWeek)) is pleased to announce NatIEshipWeek 2019, taking place on February 16-23, 2019 to celebrate entrepreneurship in communities across the United States. From Maui to Maine, a consortium of partners will join in a national movement celebrating and uplifting the diverse voices of entrepreneurship in communities across the country.

“We are thrilled at the growing array of communities who have stepped up to conduct events and activities across the USA,” said Gene Coulson, President of [EntreEd](http://EntreEd.org) whose organization helped launch the congressionally chartered week in 2006. The NatIEshipWeek movement includes over 40,000 K-12 students, 300+ community colleges, 2,200+ entrepreneurial support organizations (incubators, accelerators, etc.), 900+ libraries, 2,000+ cities, 1,300+ rural communities, and over 500 diverse entrepreneurs through its lead partner ecosystem.

“We are super excited to see the momentum continue to grow across the country,” said Joe Kapp, [President of the National Center for Resource Development](http://www.natleshipleague.org), who has been instrumental in rebranding and restarting National Entrepreneurship. “This year, we have added a host of new partners and expect to see significantly increased engagement across the country.”

Each day of National Entrepreneurship Week is dedicated to serving unique and diverse populations of entrepreneurs, from small, rural businesses to minority-owned start-ups. In addition to activities taking place across the United States, lead partners will host free daily webinars at 2 P.M. EST to elevate entrepreneurial stakeholders with various themes including:

- Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> features Entrepreneurship Education, with lead partners the [National Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education \(EntreEd\)](http://EntreEd.org) and the [National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship \(NACCE\)](http://www.nacce.org).
- Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> features Libraries & Incubators, with lead partners [EveryLibrary](http://www.everylibrary.org) and [InBIA](http://www.inbia.org).
- Wednesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> features Washington D.C. based [1863 Ventures](http://www.1863ventures.com) to showcase Entrepreneurship for All.
- Thursday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> features the [Rural Community Assistance Partnership \(RCAP\)](http://www.rcap.org) and the [National League of Cities](http://www.natleshipleague.org) (NCL) to showcase entrepreneurship in Rural Towns & Urban Cities.
- Friday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> culminates with a Federal Support for Entrepreneurship webinar featuring an array of federal agencies and insights into how their agencies support entrepreneurship.

Planning and coordination for the week by [The National Center for Resource Development](http://www.natleshipleague.org) and [The EdVenture Group](http://www.edventuregroup.com). **To get involved today, visit [www.natleshipleague.org/](http://www.natleshipleague.org) to register as a partner, sign up for events, and download promotional materials.** Join us in celebrating on Twitter using the hashtag #NatIEshipWeek and tagging @NatIEshipWeek, particularly on Wednesday, February 20th from 3-3:30 P.M. EST as NatIEshipWeek prepares to #BreakTwitter!

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