

Brad Keywell, Co-Founder & Director, Groupon; Co-Founder & Managing Director, Lightbank; and Illinois Innovation Council Chair

Brad Keywell, 41, is a Chicago-based serial entrepreneur. He is a Co-founder and Director of Groupon, Inc., as well as several other companies such as MediaBank LLC and Echo Global Logistics, Inc. He is a Co-founder and Managing Partner of Lightbank, a venture fund investing in disruptive technology businesses where Lightbank's financial and operational resources can add unique value. In addition, Brad is an appointee to the Mayor's Committee on Technology Infrastructure, by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley. He is a Trustee of the Zell Lurie Institute for Entrepreneurship at the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan, and he is on the Advisory Board of the Directors College for Global Business at the University of Michigan Law School.

Curtis Baird, CEO, The School Center and Neon Internet

Curtis Baird is the current CEO of two Carbondale technology companies – the School Center and Neon Internet – located in their new building in the Carbondale Business Park East. He has founded and successfully led four technology companies. Today, both Neon and SchoolCenter's total revenue exceeds \$3.7 million with 80 percent growth expected for the next several years. In addition to being on the Southern Illinois Research Park Board of Directors, Mr. Baird is a member of the Carbondale Business Development Corporation and has received various awards for his businesses over the last several years.

Caralynn Nowinski-Chenoweth, M.D., Vice President, Sikich Investment Banking

Dr. Caralynn Nowinski-Chenoweth is a Vice President in the Chicago Office of Sikich Investment Banking. Drawing upon her experiences as a startup entrepreneur, venture capitalist and physician, Caralynn applies special expertise in offering corporate finance, capital raising and M&A advisory services to life sciences and other high tech clients. She volunteers her time as the Vice President of the Neuropsychology C.H.I.L.D. Foundation and as a member of the Imerman Angels' Strategic Planning Committee. Among her honors, Caralynn was named to the Crain's Chicago Business 2008 "Forty Under Forty" List.

John Clark, President & CEO, Reggio's Pizza

John M. Clark and his wife, *Pearl*, launched Reggio's Pizza, Inc. as a food operation in 1972. Today, the company currently operates a 36,000 sq. ft., state-of-the-art, USDA-inspected processing facility in Chicago and is the only African American frozen pizza manufacturer for retail sales in the world. In addition, Reggio's operates five restaurants in the Chicago land area, which includes a presence at O'Hare International Airport. The U. S. Department of Commerce awarded Reggio's Pizza, Inc. the "2001 National Minority Retail Firm of the Year" award and Reggio's was named "One of the Ten Most Outstanding Minority Businesses of the Year 2000" by the Minority Business Report.

Lisa C. Freeman, Ph.D., Vice President of Research and Graduate Studies, Northern Illinois University

Lisa C. Freeman has focused her academic career on bringing people and resources together to solve complex problems. In July 2010, Freeman joined Northern Illinois University as the Vice President for Research and Graduate studies, and a Professor of Biology. The Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies is the senior academic officer for research, artistry, and graduate programming. Freeman earned a bachelor's degree, master's degree and a doctor of veterinary medicine from Cornell University. She went on to earn a doctoral degree in pharmacology at The Ohio State University in 1989 while working part-time in veterinary practice. Prior to coming to K-State, Freeman worked as a postdoctoral fellow and research scientist at the University of Rochester, School of Medicine.

T. Kendall "Ken" Hunt, Founder, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, VASCO Data Security International, Inc.

VASCO's most significant market is banking and finance with over 1,500 of the world's leading financial institutions as customers. Total customer count, including healthcare, businesses of all types, government, Internet and others, exceeds 10,000. Ken is Chairman of the Midwest Council of TechAmerica, formerly the AeA, the nation's largest high-tech trade association, former President of the Belgian Business Club of Chicago, and a member of The Economic Club of Chicago. Ken earned a BA from the University of Miami where he was a starting half back as a sophomore. He also holds an MBA from Pepperdine University, Malibu, California, where he was recently honored with the school's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Eric D. Isaacs, Ph.D., Director, Argonne National Laboratory

Eric D. Isaacs, a prominent University of Chicago physicist, is President of UChicago Argonne, LLC, and Director of Argonne National Laboratory. Earlier he distinguished himself both as director of the Center for Nanoscale Materials at Argonne and as professor of physics in the University of Chicago's James Franck Institute. He received a Ph.D. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1988 in the area of magnetic semiconductors and was a postdoctoral fellow at Bell Laboratories (1988-1990) studying magnetism and correlated electronic systems, mostly with synchrotron-based X-ray techniques. He is a fellow of the American Physical Society and served on a number of national scientific advisory committees, including the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee. He is author or co-author of more than 140 scientific papers and presentations.

Matt Maloney, Co-Founder and CEO, GrubHub

Matt Maloney is the co-founder and CEO of GrubHub.com. The rapidly growing company works with over 4,000 restaurants for online ordering and shows menus from over 13,000 restaurants in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Boston, Denver, Philadelphia, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Boulder, Washington D.C. and Oakland. Matt currently serves on the alumni board for the computer science department at the University of Chicago and holds the position of Entrepreneur in Residence at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Matt received his B.S. in Human Physiology (1998) from Michigan State University, M.S. in Computer Science from the University of Chicago (2000) and M.B.A. from University of Chicago's Booth School of Business (2010).

Norbert G. Riedel, Ph.D., Corporate Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer, Baxter International Inc.

Dr. Riedel has served as Corporate Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer since March 2001. Before assuming this role, Dr. Riedel served as president of the recombinant proteins business unit and vice president of research and development within Baxter's BioScience business. Prior to joining Baxter in 1998, he was head of worldwide biotechnology and worldwide core research functions at Hoechst Marion Roussel, now Sanofi-Aventis. Dr. Riedel serves on the board of directors Medigene AG. He is a member of the Advisory Board of Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management Center for Biotechnology, the McCormick School of Engineering and the University of Vienna. He is also a member of the board of trustees of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Lawrence B. Schook, Ph.D., Interim Vice President for Research, University of Illinois

Lawrence (Larry) B. Schook, the Edward William and Jane Marr Gutgsell Professor, is Vice President for Research at the University of Illinois. He oversees and advises the President on matters related to research, intellectual property, technology commercialization, and related economic development activities and is responsible for the University's major offices and entities engaged in technology commercialization and economic development. He also serves as the University's spokesperson for the research enterprise in local, state, and federal settings.

Joseph (Jay) Walsh, Ph.D., Vice President for Research, Northwestern University

Joseph (Jay) Walsh began his service as the University's Vice President for Research on December 1, 2007. Walsh formerly served as senior associate dean of McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science (MEAS), where he is a professor of biomedical engineering. Walsh received a bachelor's and master's degree in electrical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Immediately following receipt of his PhD in medical engineering from Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Walsh joined the Northwestern faculty in 1988. Walsh's early research on laser-tissue interactions helped frame the understanding of laser ablation; this work formed the scientific foundation for now standard laser-based procedures in medicine and surgery. In the past decade, his research has focused on diagnostic and therapeutic applications of light.

Howard A. Tullman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Tribeca Flashpoint Media Arts Academy

Mr. Tullman has over 35 years of start-up, management, IPO and turn-around experience and an extensive operations background in technological development and information systems. He has designed and developed GUI and natural user interfaces, interactive and immersive games and instruction systems and other electronic entertainments, training products and services, as well as other information-based products and services in a variety of fields including automotive, insurance, CRM, employment, real estate, consumer goods and social media. He currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Tribeca Flashpoint Media Arts Academy, and he is the former President of Kendall College in Chicago.