

ASHLEY CAPPS Founder of AC Entertainment

A passion for music and performance led Ashley Capps to begin promoting concerts independently in the late 1970s, while still a student at The University of Tennessee. Now recognized as one of the foremost independent promoters in the United States, Mr. Capps and his company, AC Entertainment, founded in 1991, create, produce, book, and present hundreds of concerts and events every year. In 2002, Capps founded the acclaimed Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival in Manchester, TN, cited by Rolling Stone as one of the "50 Moments That Changed the History of Rock & Roll." In addition to his role in booking overseeing festival operations, Capps spearheaded Bonnaroo's innovative internet-based marketing strategies that have characterized the festival since its inception.



DANIEL CROSBY President of IncBlot Organizational Psychology @incblot

Educated at Brigham Young and Emory Universities, Dr. Daniel Crosby is President of IncBlot Organizational Psychology, a consultancy whose vision is to "flood the Earth with skills for living and leading." Dr. Crosby has been featured in the Huffington Post, Registered Rep, Risk Management Magazine and regularly contributes thought leadership for Monster, CareerBuilder and Glassdoor. He was recently chosen by Monster.com as one of the 12 thinkers to watch in the world of leadership and organizational development. He is currently writing a book entitled, "You're Not That Great: A Motivational Speech" based on his popular TEDx talk of the same title.

PAUL DeJOE CEO, Founder Ecquire @pdejoe

Paul DeJoe is the CEO of Ecquire, a service that adds a day back to your week. He served as the Entrepreneur in Residence at Fairbridge Venture Partners, is a mentor to the Thiel Fellowship, was a former European Professional Hockey Player and has been featured in Forbes, Business Insider and Pando Daily for his answer on Quora to "What it's like to be the CEO of a Startup." Paul was placed on the Earth for one reason: To have Huntsville, Alabama be recognized as, "The City That Saved The World"



TASIA MALAKASIS Owner and President of Belle Chevere @bellechevre

Tasia Malakasis is owner and president of Belle Chevre, an award-winning cheese producer located in Elkmont, Alabama, and author of the cookbook *Tasia's Table*. Tasia's passion for food was borne from the kitchens of her southern grandmother, whose love was shown, felt and tasted from the riches of a big pot of chicken 'n dumplings. She learned early that food was love. Later in life, when as a teenager Tasia visited her father in Greece during the summers, she learned that there the bounty of the table was just as rich and deeply in how families and friends shared love. Being rooted deeply in the Southern and the Greek cultures formed a magical link to food and the allure of the table that Tasia could not shake.

SAMEER SINGHAL Bug Battery

Sameer Singhal is a Director in CFDR's Biomedical and Energy Technology Division. He received his B.S. from Georgia Tech and M.S. from Stanford University both in Materials Science and Engineering. He spent seven years at a semiconductor startup called Nitronex Corporation where he helped develop an early stage technology through to product sales. In his current role at CFDR he manages the technical development and commercialization for a portfolio of biomedical and energy technologies. Mr. Singhal has over 25 publications in peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings. Additionally he has six issued patents and eight patents pending.



LISA D. WILLIAMS Entrepreneurs @prsgirl11

Lisa Williams was born in Saigon, Viet Nam on the 4th of July. At the age of three, she contracted polio, a crippling and potentially deadly disease while living in Viet Nam. She came to the United States at the age of six thru the bravery of an American soldier. Lisa's passion has always been for the soldier and the United States. She founded 3D Research Corporation in order to provide engineering services to support our brave soldiers. Lisa was named the 2004 Small Business Person of the Year for the State of Alabama. She also made the list of the Top 10 Women Entrepreneurs of America as well as, the 2004 Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce's Executive of the Year. The Schafer Corporation acquired 3D Research in 2005.

JEFF ZENTNER Musician, Lawyer

Jeff Zentner is a musician from Nashville, Tennessee. He has released five albums and is a founding member of the Jeffrey Lee Pierce Sessions Project, paying tribute to the late frontman of the 1980s cult blues-punk band, The Gun Club. He volunteers as a guitar instructor and technician at the Tennessee Teen Rock Camp and Southern Girls Rock Camp. He is also an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Tennessee. He graduated from Vanderbilt Law School, where he was a managing editor of the Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law. He has served as an adjunct professor at the University of North Carolina-Asheville.

