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## **ISTC/I Welcomes DePaul University as new member**

**January 12, 2021 – (CHICAGO, IL)** – The Illinois Science & Technology Coalition and Institute (ISTC/I) today announced that DePaul University has joined ISTC as a member.

“I am thrilled that DePaul University is joining our coalition in its continued mission of supporting the innovation economy of the state of Illinois,” said Colleen Egan, CEO & President. “DePaul has a long history of entrepreneurial impact and I have witnessed that impact in working with the WEI, CEC and numerous initiatives across the University. Our coalition is made stronger and we're honored to have DePaul's unique voice in our work.”

DePaul University is a leading institution for entrepreneurship and business education in Illinois, having launched its Coleman Entrepreneurship Center (CEC) in 2003, which complements DePaul's renowned academic entrepreneurship program. Through the CEC in the Driehaus College of Business, DePaul is able to educate and empower students and alumni, connect its members with the Chicago business community, and accelerate entrepreneurship and innovation in the Chicago area.

Alongside the CEC, in 2018 DePaul launched the Women in Entrepreneurship Institute (WEI), the nation's first comprehensive Institute for women founders that integrates academic learning, research, incubation, funding and public policy. WEI supports women entrepreneurs through academic research and programs as well as initiatives that invest in the success and sustainability of women-owned businesses.

In addition to the College of Business, DePaul's iD-Lab, through its College of Computing and Digital Media, provides innovative business solutions through data analytics, experience design, and software development to businesses across the nation and around the world. DePaul's College of Science and Health is also home to a number of STEM institutes and initiatives. One of these is the STEM Center, which provides leadership and service for the purpose of strengthening STEM education throughout Chicago.

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