

To Whom It May Concern;

Hello, my name is Nick Clattenburg, a participant in multiple OEN events. My company, ARInteractive, has participated in the Gorge Angel Investment Network Conference, the Gorge OEN Bootcamp, the Portland Seed Fund, and recently the Angel Oregon Conference. While I have yet to pass the semi-finalist stage of selection for these events I feel confident about my business planning skills and my investor presentations. My confidence is a direct result of my experience gained from OEN events and the excellent people that organize it.

It all started when I finished a prototype that I had been working on in my college dorm room. After I had the system working I was clueless as to what the next step was to build a business from my project and how to get it in front of investors. I was browsing the community newsfeed at work one day and came across an article on the GAIN Conference. I applied to the conference and made it through to the semi-final round to where I got to present my elevator pitch. Through that conference event I met several people that I now consider mentors to my business. After that conference I was accepted into the inaugural Gorge OEN Business Accelerator Bootcamp. The biggest benefit of that class in my mind was the iterative process of business plan creation and presentation tailoring. Each week we would get valuable feedback from industry professionals and entrepreneurs in the area on our business documents. At the end of the 8 week course we present in front of a group of investors. During this presentation event I was approached by one of the managers of the Portland Seed Fund who asked me to apply in the next application round. I applied and even though I did not advance onto the final selection round I gained valuable contacts in the Portland area. Most recently I presented during the 2nd round of Concept Stage selection for the Angel Oregon Conference. While I was not selected as a finalist I have several meetings in the coming weeks with people who enjoyed my presentation and want to help me with my company any way they can.

My company would not be where it is today without the opportunities that the OEN has provided. It is a valuable resource for people such as myself who aspire to become an entrepreneur but don't know how or where to start.

If you have any questions please contact me at the number below.

Thank you,

-Nick Clattenburg

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