



The Raleigh ED&I team attended the Innovate Raleigh Summit in November among nearly 500 attendees to hear keynote presentations and engage in discussions geared towards elements that create successful innovation communities -- funding, talent, and inclusivity. The event included keynotes from Arlan Hamilton, Founder and Managing Partner of Backstage Capital and Todd Olson, Co-founder of Pendo, along with talks from Jon Hayes, founder of RewardStock and Shark Tank winner; Leigh-Kathryn Bonner, founder of Bee Downtown and Forbes 30 under 30 winner; and David Gardner, a top venture capitalist.