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Meet the half-dozen, seasoned KC founders joining Pipeline's latest fellowship class

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2020 Pipeline fellows: Dominique Davison, PlanIT Impact; Kyle Ginavan, OneHQ; Bo Lais, Lula; Luke Lim, Tile Five LCC; A.J. Mellott, Ronawk LLC; and Sunti Wathanacharoen, Pulmonaer Analytics.

Nearly half of the new class of Pipeline fellows hail from Kansas City startups, revealed the high-profile entrepreneur network Thursday at the [Pipeline Innovators Daytime Showcase](#).

Among those Kansas City founders taking the stage during the announcement:

- **Dominique Davison**, PlanIT Impact;
- **Kyle Ginavan**, OneHQ;
- **Bo Lais**, Lula;
- **Luke Lim**, Tile Five LCC;
- **A.J. Mellott**, Ronawk LLC; and
- **Sunti Wathanacharoen**, Pulmonaer Analytics.

Pipeline — which serves as a regional network across the Midwest — also drew heavily from Nebraska, as well as picking up entrepreneurs from outside Kansas City in Missouri and Kansas. Among those founders:

- **Brent Comstock**, BCom Solutions, Lincoln;
- **Walker Deibel**, The Acquisition Lab, St. Louis;
- **Jennifer McDonald**, Jenny Dawn Cellars, Wichita;
- **Brooke Mullen**, Sprouke, Lincoln;
- **Hunter Radenslaben**, Athlete Nation, Omaha;
- **Jeff Smith**, Fanbox Subscription Services Inc, Lincoln; and
- **Travis Stephens**, Direct Pivot Parts, Lincoln.



2020 Pipeline fellows

Thursday's event additionally showcased competition between 2019 Pipeline fellows who pitched throughout a daytime contest to earn the titles of best pitch and Innovator of the year.

Graduating fellow Bek Abdullayev of Kansas City's Super Dispatch was awarded best pitch by a panel of national judges that included Allison Weil, Hyde Park Ventures, Chicago; Eric Drummond, Innovation Corridor, Denver; and Jeff Jones, H&R Block.

Innovator of the Year is set to be announced at Pipeline's annual gala in April in Kansas City.

Other 2019 Kansas City graduating fellows up for the top award include:

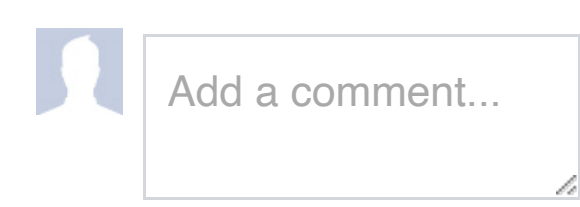
- Anis Dayya, PIREARcings;
- Jeff Dunn, Redivus Health;
- Liderman Duin, Bluepoint2;
- Michael Fry, Astra Brands;
- Donald Hawkins, CitySmart;
- Heather Spalding, Cambrian; and
- Tammie Wahaus, ELIAS Animal Health.

"After spending this action-packed day with Pipeline entrepreneurs, mentors, supporters and families, I am convinced that Pipeline is the most compelling entrepreneurial organization in the country, and I am humbled to be chosen to be its next leader," said Melissa Vincent, Pipeline's new executive director. "I am so excited to get to work with these new 2020 Fellows, as well as everyone who is ready and willing to lend their support to all of the Pipeline Family. Let's do this!"

Click [here](#) to learn more about Vincent's background before arriving Kansas City to lead Pipeline.

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