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## **San Diego Angel Conference VI Announces Six Finalists to Compete for Share of Largest Event-Based Angel Fund in U.S.**

*Angel investment fund selects six companies to pitch live on USD campus on May 9. Tickets for live pitch event now available.*

**SAN DIEGO – March 25, 2024** – [San Diego Angel Conference \(SDAC\), at University of San Diego \(USD\)](#), which activates angel investors and connects them with promising early-stage companies to create robust deal flow for accredited investors, has selected six company finalists to compete for a chance to win seed funding at SDAC VI Angel Conference at USD on May 9. [Tickets available with early-bird pricing through March 31 while seats last.](#)

Over 100 companies applied for SDAC VI, hoping to land at least \$200,000\* in angel investment or attract investors interested in funding their companies. SDAC engages angel investors and provides coaching, education, and connections to founders. Each year, the program culminates in a live [final funding event](#). Accredited angel investors can learn more at [www.thesdangels.com/angel-investor](http://www.thesdangels.com/angel-investor).

SDAC VI finalists include:

[Achieve Clinics](#) - Empowering newly diagnosed cancer patients to access future advanced treatments like cell therapy (CAR-T).  
Founder [Brad Heller](#)

[Ecodrive](#) - B2B platform that makes sustainability accessible, transparent and ROI effective.  
Co-founder, CEO [Trevor Laudate](#)

[Kids Care Finder](#) - Comprehensive platform connecting parents with child-related services kids need from birth to grown in ONE place.  
Founder, CEO [Olivia Rutman, CTP](#)

[Landng Inc.](#) - SaaS MarTech startup that drives sales of travel products by connecting brands, influencers, travelers.  
Co-founder, CEO [Devon Kea DeAngelo](#)

[TadHealth](#) – Suite of enterprise tools to deliver and manage school-based mental health care.  
Founder, CEO [Ben Greiner](#)

[Yatiri Bio Inc.](#) - Revolutionizing drug discovery with models predictive of patient outcomes.  
Founder, CEO [Pilgrim Jackson](#)

The San Diego Angel Conference at USD has become [the largest event-based angel conference in the country](#), with an active angel investor group of about 90 accredited investors who invest starting at \$7,000 each. Funds are pooled, and investors work together to choose a winner and runners up each year. Applying startup founders are offered free and confidential coaching on the fundamentals necessary to become investment worthy from SDAC's sister organization, the [Brink SBDC](#).

"The San Diego Angel Conference is truly a unique opportunity for both investors and founders to experience the hands-on learning opportunities of the investment decision process," Executive Director, [JPMorgan Startup Banking](#) David Loseke.

SDAC partners with [35+ organizations](#) including [USD](#), San Diego State University ([SDSU](#)), and University of California, San Diego ([UCSD](#)), to drive deal flow and mentor startups. Sponsors include [C3 Bank](#), [JP Morgan](#), [Clearpoint Agency](#), [Mintz](#), [Knobbe Martens](#), [Coemptus Law](#), [Pillsbury Law](#), [Withum](#), [Family Business Consulting Group](#), [Whittier Trust](#), [Marsh McLennan Agency](#), [Seraf](#) and [Gust](#).

[SDAC Founder Mysty Rusk](#) says, "Over six years, San Diego Angel Conference at USD has focused on activating accredited investors, funding innovative early-stage companies, and supporting solutions that solve real-world problems. The fund's portfolio companies have raised about \$191 million so far as they scale and disrupt industries."

*\*Actual amount invested depends on total dollars raised. Historically, investors have exceeded both the investment amount and number of companies funded.*

### **About San Diego Angel Conference**

The San Diego Angel Conference at University of San Diego connects angel investors with promising early-stage companies activating new capital and supporting an ecosystem through an 8-month program that includes education, and network building for both entrepreneurs and investors. This results in an investment for one or more early-stage companies and an investment portfolio start or additional investors. The program's investment fund is managed by accredited angel investors who collectively decide which of the companies will receive funding each year. Visit [www.thesdangels.com](http://www.thesdangels.com) to see how SDAC helps entrepreneurs and angel investors "get to yes!" [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#).

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