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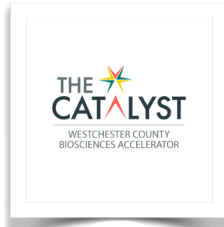
# Mentor Newsletter



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Carla Devillers &  
Joe Vinetz, Luna  
Bioscience  
ABCT '22

Congratulations to **Luna Bioscience** for demonstrating proof of principle in a second animal model for first vaccine candidate, NIH Phase 1 STTR for \$600,000, and Faculty Innovation Awards

## SBIR/STTR Winner's Circle Event



ABCT, along with SBDC and CTNext, hosted a successful SBIR/STTR "Winner's Circle" panel at UConn Stamford on October 10, 2023. Panelists included **Carla Devillers** (Luna Bioscience, ABCT '22) and

**Tim Siegert** (Allyx Therapeutics), as well as SBIR/STTR Advisor, **Michael Invernale** and SBIR reviewer Chad Bouton (Neuvotion, ABCT '20). Chad also shared Neuvotion's recent success in restoring sensation to a person living with paralysis via a double neural bypass. See the video of the incredible new development of Chad and his team [HERE](#).



Victor Varnado,  
Data Binder  
WCBA '23

Congratulations to **DataBinder** for being awarded a NSF SBIR grant.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Alumni Pitch Event at CT Innovations

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

See alumni from ELabNYC, ABCT, & WCBA pitch to investors at CT Innovations. Social to follow at Bears BBQ next door from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

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### WCBA and Hudson Valley Venture Hub: Small Business Incentives

**Thursday, October 26, 2023: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

KPMG to speak on state and local small business incentives.

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### MedTech 2023 - Annual Awards Dinner & Conference Wednesday, November 1 - Thursday, November 2, 2023

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### New York Angels Information Session

**Thursday, November 9, 2023: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

Interested in New York Angels membership? Join this event at Founder Shield 114 E 25th St, New York NY. Hear from NYA members and portfolio company founders and have an opportunity for individual networking. Please note: attendees should be SEC accredited with interest to invest at least \$50,000 per year. Questions? contact Jon Zaikowski, ELab '19, Asst. Director, New York Angels [jon@newyorkangels.com](mailto:jon@newyorkangels.com)

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## Meet Doris!

Doris Alcivar, Ed.D is the most recent addition to the FirstXFounder team. Doris began her role as Asst. Program Manager in June and oversees programming and operations for both the WCBA program and ELabNYC Masterclass series. She was most recently of Columbia Business School, where she acted as the Senior Associate Director of Employer Relations. Doris has expertise in DEI and completed her dissertation on the relationship between higher educational institutions and undocumented students. Ask Doris about upcoming opportunities and events in Westchester or NYC!



**Evan Noch,**  
Destroke  
ELabNYC '20

Congratulations to **Destroke**, for receiving positive trial results at Burke Neurological Institute.



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