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Biography

Kane is MSU's first director of undergraduate entrepreneurship. An experienced entrepreneur, business executive and Forbes contributor, his goal is to create a unified entrepreneurship strategy and introduce new programs, courses and initiatives focused on entrepreneurship and innovation. Kane has held entrepreneurship positions at Argonne National Laboratory, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Northern Illinois University. He was the founding CEO of several venture capital-backed companies in fields as diverse as consumer products, energy storage and nanomaterials. Kane was named a “Technology Pioneer” by the World Economic Forum, was recognized for outstanding entrepreneurship by the National Science Foundation and has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives’ Subcommittee on Research and Science Education on topics related to technology transfer and commercialization.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

SBIRs, Technology Commercialization, Startups, Venture Capital, Small Business

Education

University of Chicago

MBA Finance and Policy Studies

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

B.S. Mechanical Engineering

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