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Make a splash, not a crater: High-impact ‘treps topic of May 11 Innovation Network luncheon

APPLETON – Learn about being a high-impact entrepreneur in Northeast Wisconsin from **Kurt Brenkus**, founder and CEO of **Indigenous Pact**, during the **Thursday, May 11** meeting of the Tech Council Innovation Network in Appleton.

Prior to Indigenous Pact, Brenkus was founder and CEO of Aver Inc., chief information officer for National Audit and chief of staff at United Healthcare. He holds multiple patents for his work in digital health. Under his leadership, Aver raised more than \$15 million of venture capital.

Brenkus will discuss raising money here and from afar, what it is like to work with others in the startup community, Aver’s move to Columbus and why moving back to Wisconsin was the best choice for getting Brenkus back on the startup horse.

The luncheon is in partnership with the **Forum for Innovation**, which will focus on high-growth companies in the region, and [NEW North](#), the regional economic development group. It will be held at the Fox Valley Technical College D.J. Bordini Center, 5 N. Systems Drive, conference center BC112A. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon and the presentation at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for individual members, students and Bunker Labs members, \$20 for general admission and included for Tech Council corporate members. [Click here to register](#).

Indigenous Pact is on a mission to create health equality for indigenous people in one generation. Through a fully-modern technology platform that connects leading provider organizations direct to tribal communities, it provides native people with simplified healthcare reimbursement, greater access to quality healthcare and expanded coverage options.

“It’s exciting to have Kurt back in Wisconsin and part of the entrepreneurial scene here once again,” said Tom Still, president of the Wisconsin Technology Council.

This Tech Council Innovation Network event is supported by [Fox Valley Technical College](#). The [Wisconsin Technology Council](#) is the independent, non-profit science and technology adviser to the governor and Legislature, with events, publications and outreach that build Wisconsin’s tech-based economy. To join, go to www.wisconsintechcouncil.com or call 608-442-7557.

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