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Fuqua to Open Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation

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DURHAM, N.C. -- Duke University's Fuqua School of Business on Wednesday, Sept. 28, will announce the formation of a Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. The center seeks to support teaching and advance research on entrepreneurship and innovation.

Dean Douglas T. Breeden will make the announcement during his welcoming remarks at 9 a.m. for The Entrepreneurship Symposium in Fuqua's Geneen Auditorium. It is free and open to the public and the news media.

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A faculty director and executive director for the center will also be announced by the dean.

In collaboration with other schools within Duke, including the Pratt School of Engineering, the Duke Medical School and the Duke Law School, the center also intends to support the university's efforts to spawn new ventures and transfer technology.

The Entrepreneurship Symposium, sponsored by the Fuqua Entrepreneurial and Venture Capital Club, is designed to introduce MBA students to entrepreneurial career paths. Jay Faires, founder of Carrboro-based Mammoth Records and currently president of Lions Gate Music and Publishing, will give the keynote address. A panel discussion on entrepreneurial career paths will include speakers who specialize in marketing, biotech, finance and social entrepreneurship.

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