## PRESS RELEASE: SPARTAN SPARK

"Wishes and Dreams Granted: Spartan Spark Fund Creates Innovation with No-pay-back Grants"

Tampa, Florida 02/12/2024 – In a new and creative move to empower The University of Tampa students, the Lowth Entrepreneurship Center has created the Spartan Spark Fund to support and fund the spark needed to fuel business dreams with grants of up to \$1,500; apply through Spartan Collective to have a chance at receiving this innovative fund, designed to propel ventures forward.

When submitting your application (<a href="https://spartancollective.peoplegrove.com/v2">https://spartancollective.peoplegrove.com/v2</a>), the following should be included:

- Attach business plan with financial projections
- Detailed description of grant usage
- Proposals from third-party vendors
- Summary of grants impact
- Recommendation letter

Spartan Spark is a new concept to the University of Tampa. Students are eager to learn more as they are already interested in becoming more involved at the Lowth Entrepreneurship Center. A junior, Derek Morgan, says, "I have been to the Entrepreneurship Center a few times and I am very fascinated by the opportunities offered. I will look into Spartan Spark as this sounds very appealing and can help put me in a successful position in the future". By eliminating the need for repayment, the Spartan Spark Fund creates opportunities for students to explore and develop their ideas without the burden of needing to pay back the Lowth Entrepreneurship Center!

## MISSION STATEMENT

The John P. Lowth Entrepreneurship Center (LEC) is motivated to encourage an innovative environment within the Sykes College of Business, utilizing advanced technologies and collaborative efforts to empower students and professionals to collectively explore, create, and launch revolutionary business ideas.

## **BOILERPLATE**

The award-winning John P. Lowth Entrepreneurship Center (LEC) stands at the head of innovation within the Sykes College of Business. With a commitment to cultivating a collaborative environment, the LEC uses advanced technologies to empower student entrepreneurs and professionals. This entrepreneurship center serves as a tool for creativity, examination, and innovative thinking. The center offers opportunities like no other university by providing a platform where ideas are formed and turned into fruition.

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