

EMERGE SUMMIT BRINGS TOGETHER HUNDREDS OF YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TO ENGAGE WITH AND LEARN FROM EACH OTHER'S EXPERIENCES. THE SUMMIT FEATURES AN IMPRESSIVE LINE-UP OF SPEAKERS WHO WILL PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL & THOUGHT PROVOKING PLATFORMS ON ISSUES INCLUDING LEADERSHIP, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND PERSONAL MISSION.

- 8:10 AM**
Barnett Hall
Welcome! GNO is Where Millennials Go
GNO is the nation's new hotbed for innovation and entrepreneurship.
Michael Hecht, Greater New Orleans, Inc.
- 8:30 AM**
Barnett Hall
Keynote: A Millennial World
Young leaders face unique challenges today. How do we manage and establish our own legacies?
Kelly Williams Brown, Author
- 9:10 AM**
Barnett Hall
Leadership and Influence
Building and leading a team that identifies big issues and brings forth tangible solutions.
Tommy Faucheux, The Dow Chemical Company
Jennifer Medbery, Kickboard
Christian Rhodes, Roedel Parsons
- 10:25 AM**
Music Room
Concurrent Development Tracks
- Straight Outta College!**
Standing out and seeking guidance & leadership in a saturated market.
Crystal McDonald, Acrew
- Barnett Hall
Confidence, Self-Awareness & Personal Branding
Leveraging your natural talents and skills to define your position in the workplace and community.
Melissa Gibbs, Gibbs Construction
- Green Room
Find It. Love It. Work For It.
Finding and pursuing your passion = hard work, risk, disappointment, extreme focus, and perhaps success!
Chef Zachary Engel, Shaya

- 11:20 AM**
Barnett Hall
- So, You Want to Be Your Own Boss?**
Building a successful business requires years, dollars, and sacrifices. Do you have what it takes?
Kirk Coco, NOLA Brewing Co.
Kristen Preau Moore, Jambalaya Girl by Cook Me Something Mister
Desiree Ontiveros, Badass Balloon Co.
- 12:30 PM**
Barnett Lobby
- Networking Lunch**
- 2:00 PM**
Barnett Hall
- It Ain't Easy Being Big Cheesy: What Executives & Entrepreneurs Want You to Know**
The good, the bad and the ugly; dealing with failure, and never saying no.
Kevin Lin, Twitch
- 2:45 PM**
Music Room
- Concurrent Development Tracks**
- Be An Inspiration**
Faith-based discussion on inspiring others with authenticity, trust, accountability, and humility.
Dr. Rob Wilton, Vintage Church
- Barnett Hall
- Bad*ss Negotiation Strategies That Work For Millennials? Yes, Please!**
Effective strategies for negotiations - leave feeling more confident and comfortable making "the ask".
Lelia Gowland, Gowland LLC
- Green Room
- Financing for the Future**
Tips on aligning your spending and savings habits with your future goals.
Autumn Campbell, Upperline Financial Planning
- 3:35 PM**
Barnett Hall
- Been There, Done That – What's Next?**
What's important to you? How will you leave the world in a better place?
Brandan Odums, Artist and Filmmaker
Amanda Shaw, Musician
Jaime Wright, US Army Corps of Engineers and EPNO Co-Chair
- 4:40 PM**
Closing
- 5:30 PM**
NOLA Brewery Tap Room Crash
Have a freebie on us. But bring your small bills for nom-noms.