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WCBA Venture Pipeline

Cohort	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Revenue Stage		 			
Non-dilutive	 	 Top-Down Therapeutics  	 SBIR award  SBIR award	 <small>Non-invasive Cancer Diagnostic, Screening and Therapeutics, Inc.</small> SBIR award	  SBIR award  ...BEFORE YOU FALL 
Seed / Series A	 ComeBack [^] Mobility 	 ALIGNAGE FERTILITY 	   		   ...BEFORE YOU FALL 
Exit					

7 WCBA SBIR Winners 14% of alums

86% Advanced Manufacturing; 71% Non academic ★



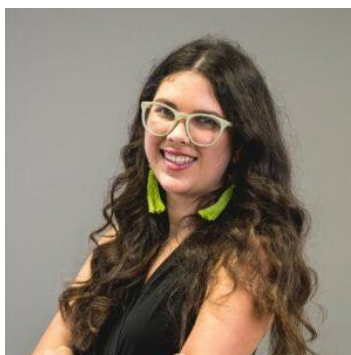
Victor Varnado ★



Daniel Gareau



Katya Sverdlov ★



Doris Candelaria ★



David Fung



James Scholtz ★



Jay Schiff ★

2024 Alumni News

ComeBack^ Mobility



Ilya Popov '24
Founder

Delivered product to Klinikum
Rheine - Mathias Medizin
Hospital Germany.



Farzaneh Ahmadi '20
Founder

[The Australian Financial Review](#)
highlights a Rising Star in the
tech sector and a Women to
Watch in technology.



Neetika Ashwani '23
Founder

Finalist for \$1M Saudi
Entrepreneur Competition

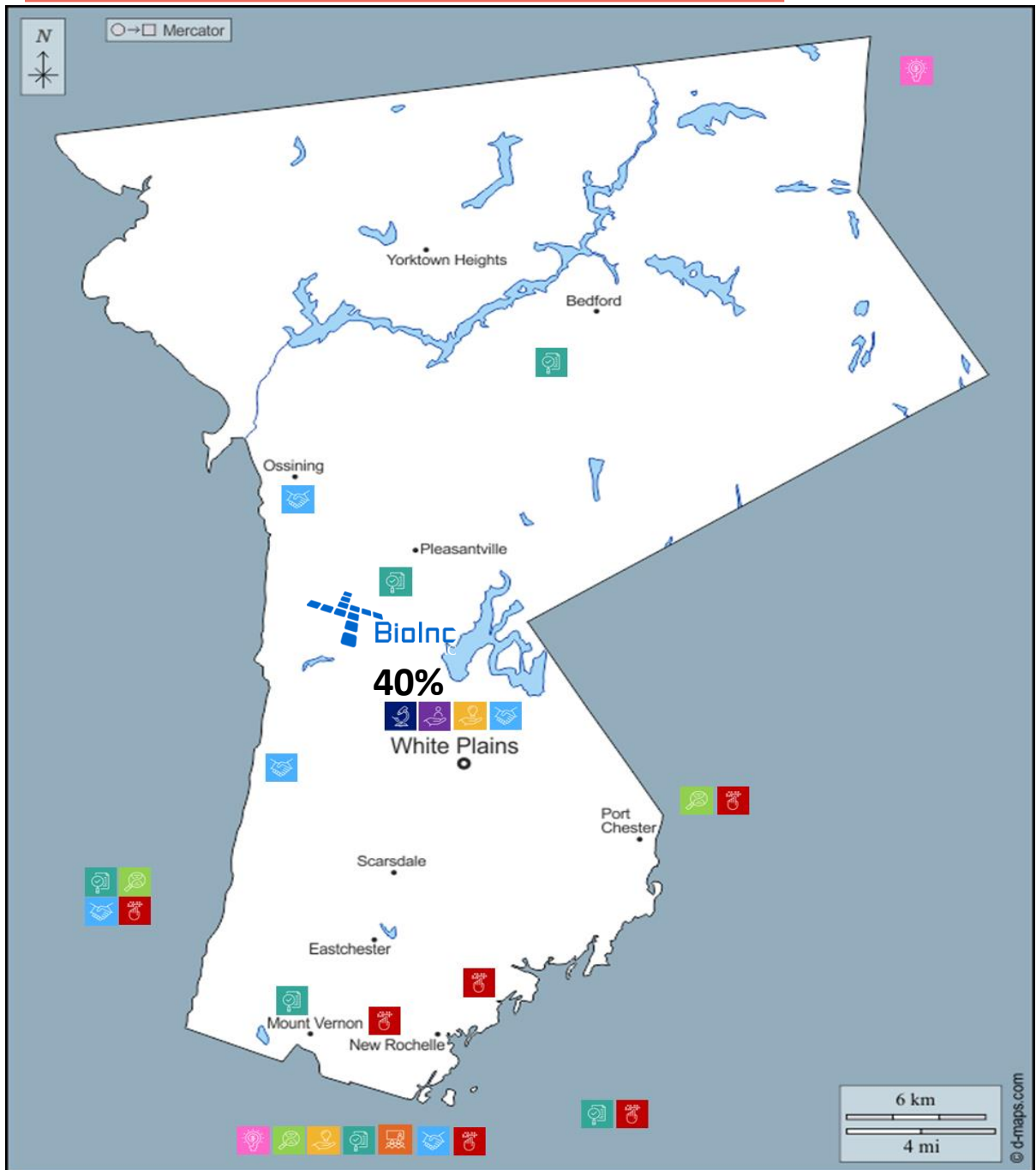
BaxGen Therapeutics



Evis Gavathiotis '24
Founder

Awarded \$300,000 for
commercialization by
Einstein College of Medicine

WCBA Program pipeline to Westchester Incubators

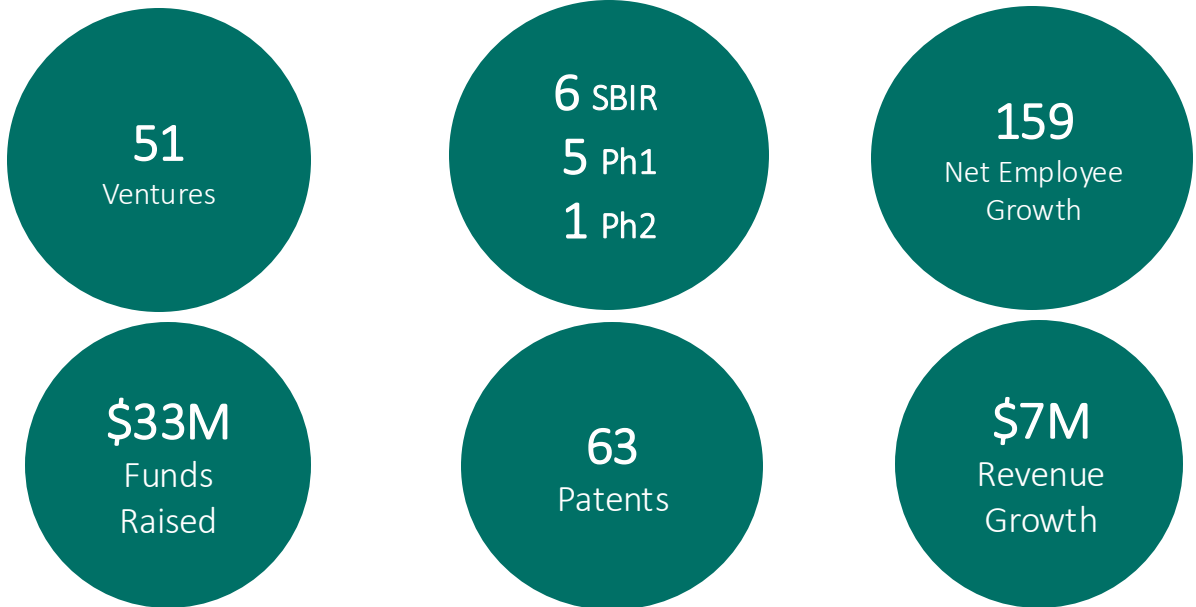


- Bioinformatics
- Diagnostic
- Digital Health
- Mentors

- Incubator
- Medical Device
- Therapeutic
- Hospital
- Business Services

WCBA Is Building Westchester's HUB

Westchester County Biosciences Accelerator (WCBA) 2020-2024

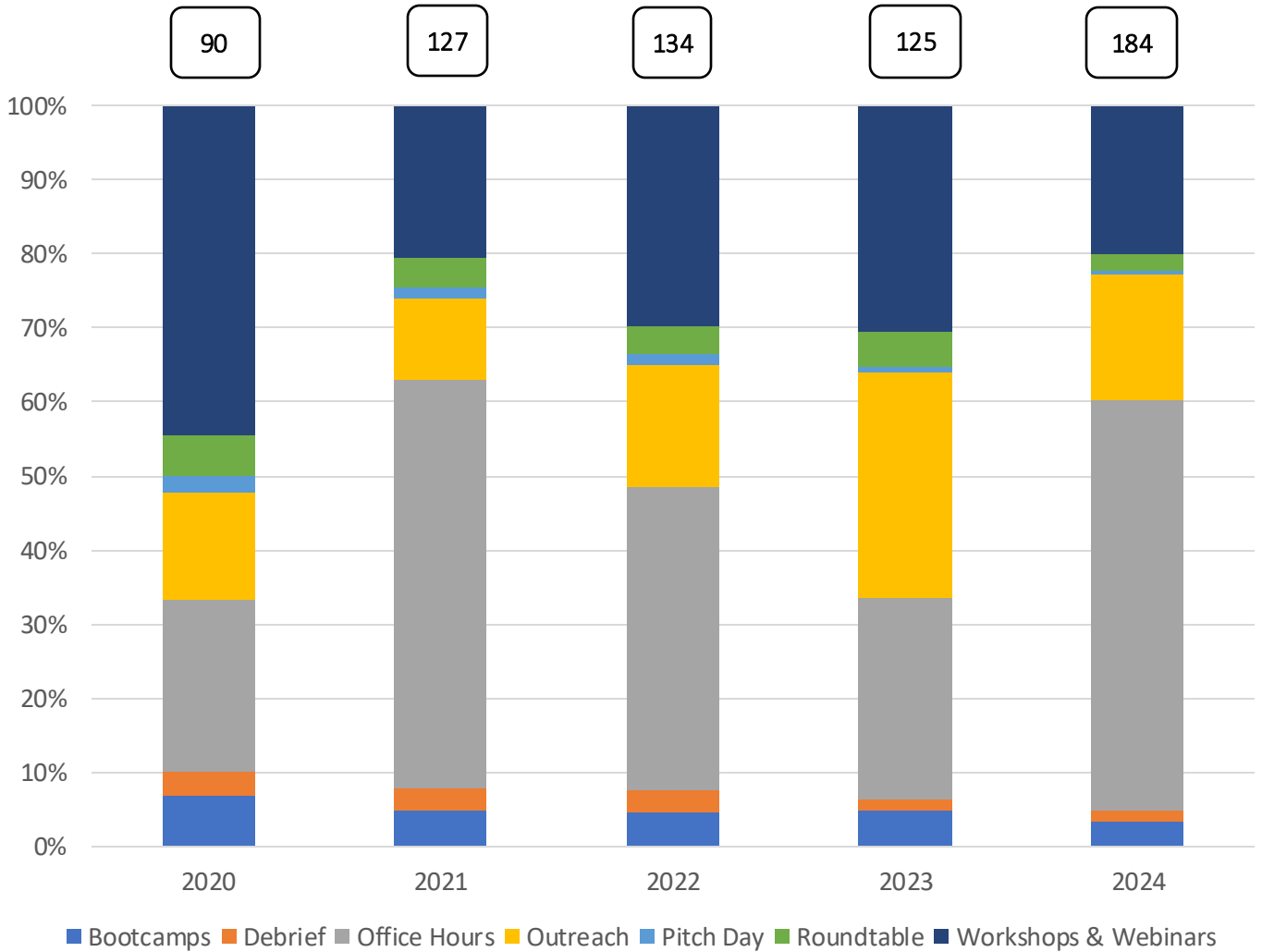


Regional and Global University Affiliations

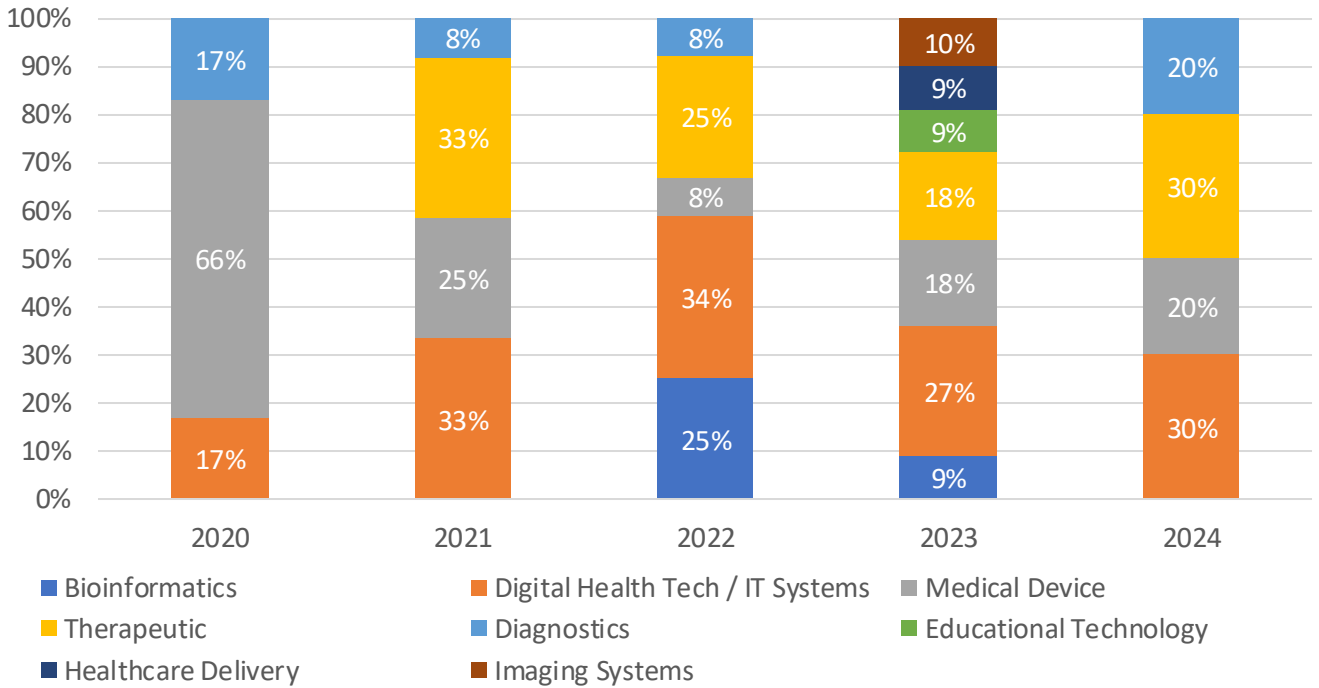


Meeting, educating networking ventures

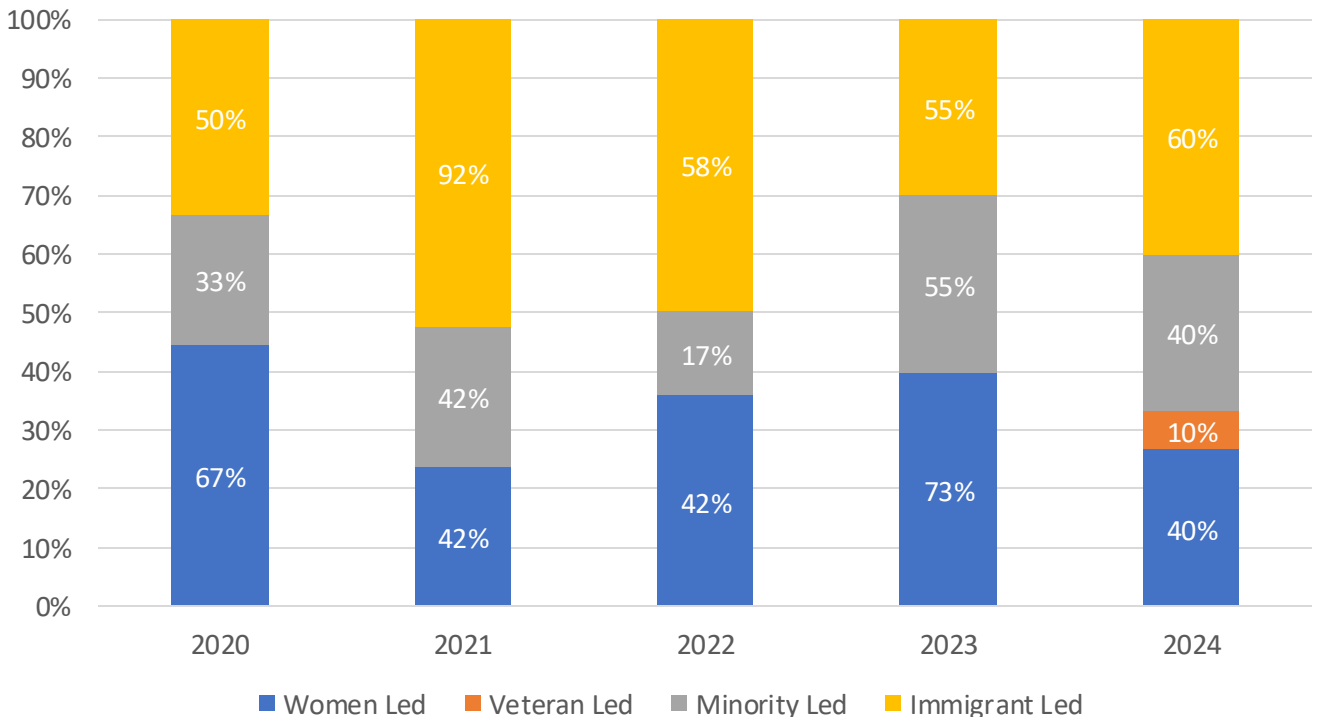
TOTAL NUMBER OF EVENTS/COHORT



WCBA's Diverse Technology & Founder Demographics



WCBA Supports Diverse Founder Demographics 53% Female, 2% veteran, 37% minority, 63% immigrant



WCBA Corporate Supporters



JPMORGAN CHASE & Co.



Medical Device Consulting



A MEMBER OF THE MONTEFIORE HEALTH SYSTEM

Testimonials



“The program provides invaluable resources; you will find how much you don’t know. Do this if you are really serious about your venture.”

Anita Lee, Twin Weaver



"I liked the intensiveness of the program, with a relatively small cohort and numerous professionals helping cohort members to grow."

Kirsten Hund Blair, Lambent Data



“The program has a genuine interest in venture success; it is friendly for early-stage companies.

Zach Sawaged, Concordare

WCBA

History and Impact

Initiated in 2020 by Westchester County Office of Economic Development's Bridget Gibbons and Deborah Novick and led by Mary Howard, serial entrepreneur and founder of FirstXFounder (<https://firstxfounder.com>), **WCBA boasts 67 founder alums representing 51 ventures from 5 annual cohorts representing therapeutic, diagnostic, digital health, medical device and materials technologies.**

Program alums **raised \$33M, employ over 159 people, with 81% of alumni ventures continuing in business.** Notable alums include **6 SBIR winners** Jelikalite, Vyir, Addinex, NyTmT, Databinder and Surgivance. **29% of alums have closed seed rounds and 5 ventures are generating revenue.**

Customized activities build founder skills & advance companies

184 workshops and networking events delivered annually support founder goals and address weekly progress assessment. Twelve ventures are invited following extensive screening. Kick-off in December is followed by a six-day bootcamp in January. 15 weeks of structured curriculum led by exited entrepreneurs is supplemented with workshops, networking and mentorship including the hallmark New York City Pitch Day.

Corporate Supporters

WCBA is **supported by leading regional and national bioscience corporations Wilson Sonsini, KPMG, JP Morgan Chase, Atostek, C3 Medical Device Consulting and White Plains Hospital/Montefiore.** Corporate supporters deliver education, mentorship and support networking alongside volunteer **mentors.**

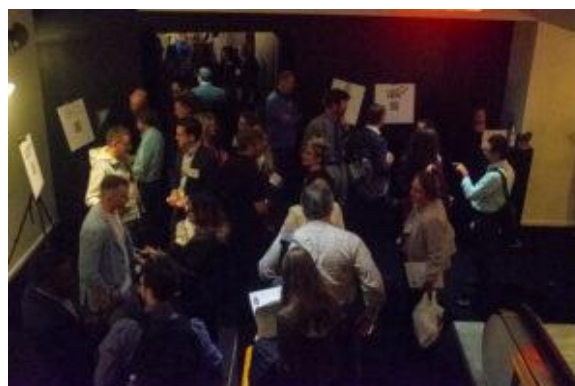
Join us to thank Westchester County and support the next generation of life science start-ups bringing good jobs and good health to Westchester County.

The WCBA Program



Westchester County's Biosciences Accelerator, WCBA:

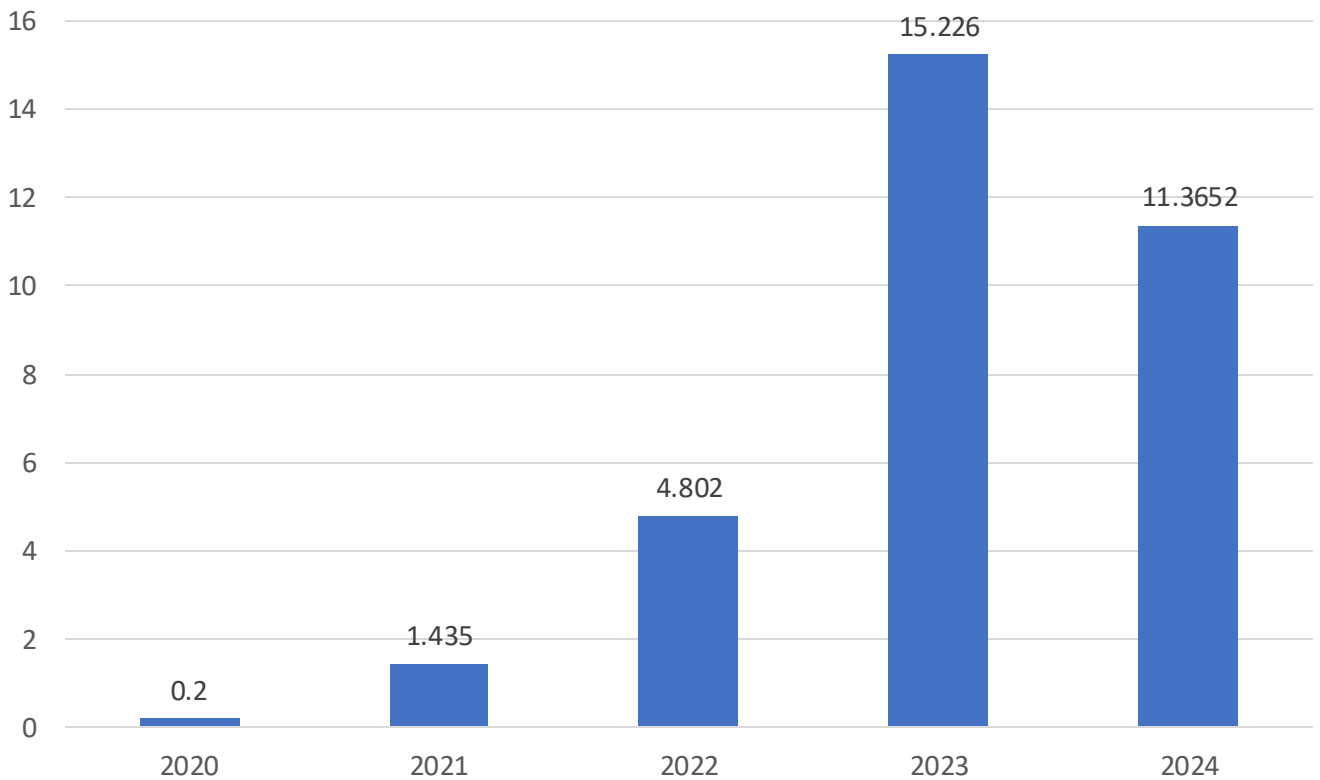
- is Hudson Valley's only **life science accelerator**
- offers six-months of personalized, founder education
- is for **first time founders** at any development stage
- **alums raised \$33M and created 159 jobs**
- **81% of ventures are still in business**



WCBA focuses on unlocking the unknown by addressing individual needs and utilizing **entrepreneur coaches** and expert mentors to craft unique, educational experiences crucial to the development of successful ventures.

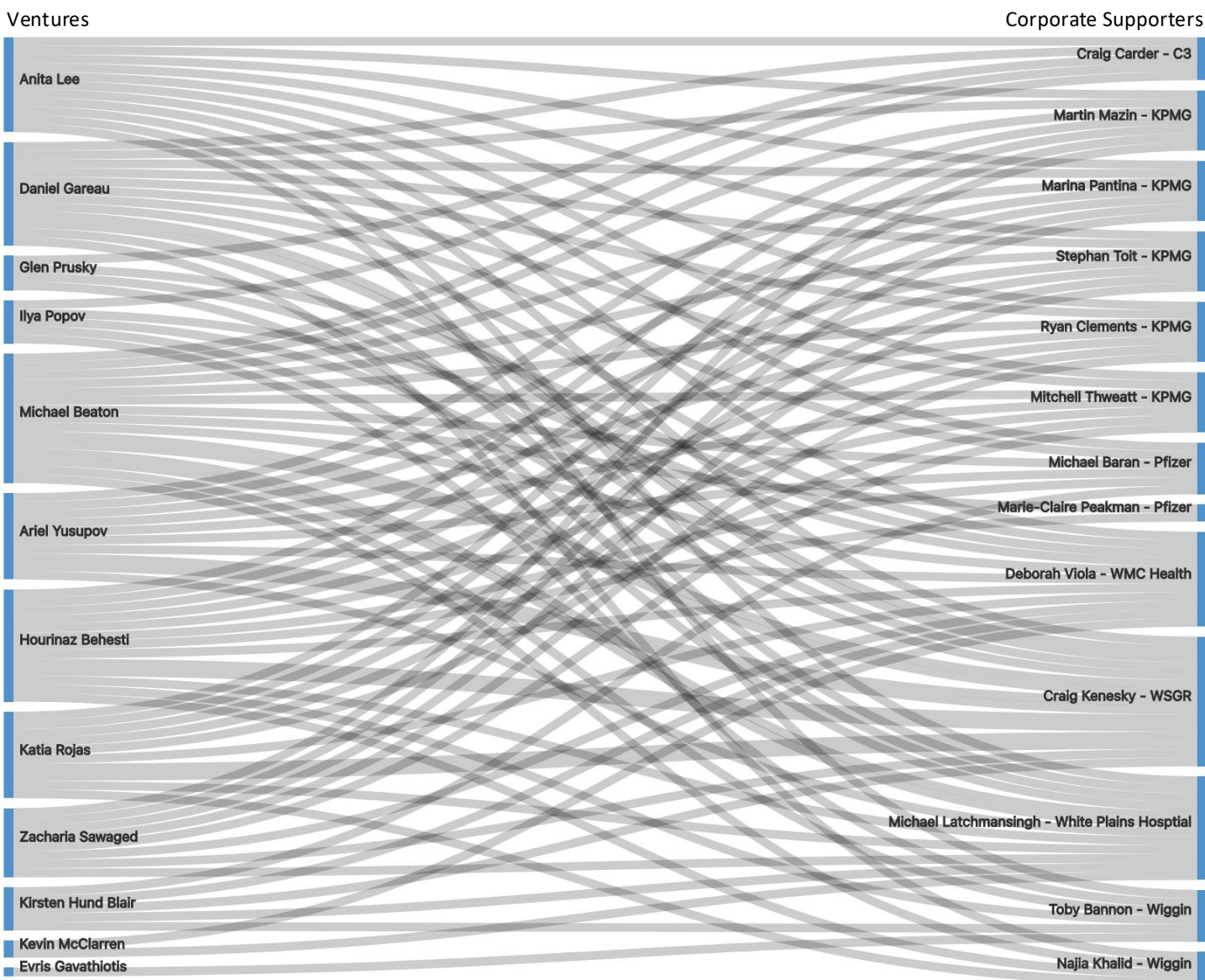
\$33M Funds Raised 2020-2024

Funding Raised Post-Program Each Year (in \$M)



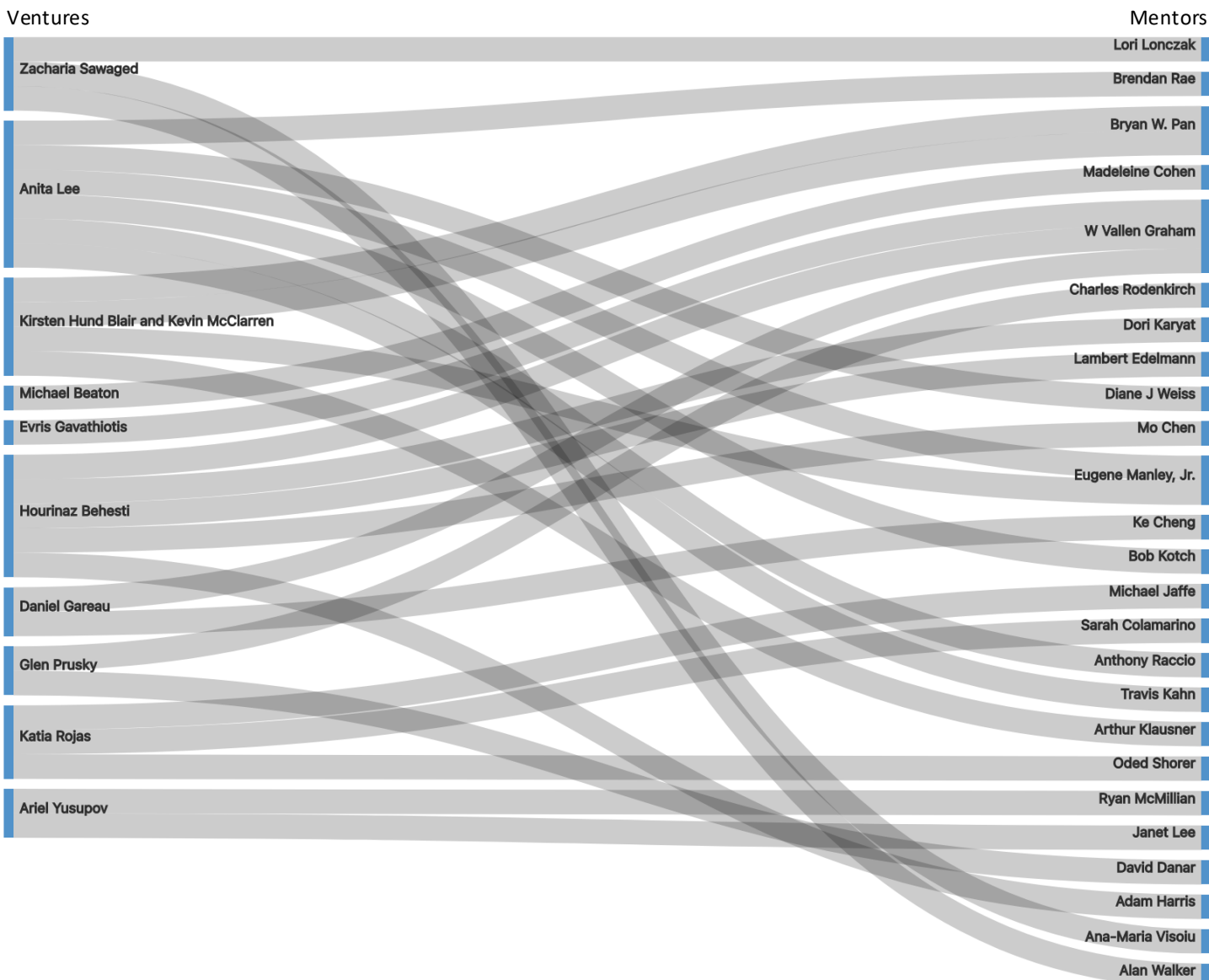
2024 Corporate Supporters

96 Venture and Corporate Supporter Connections



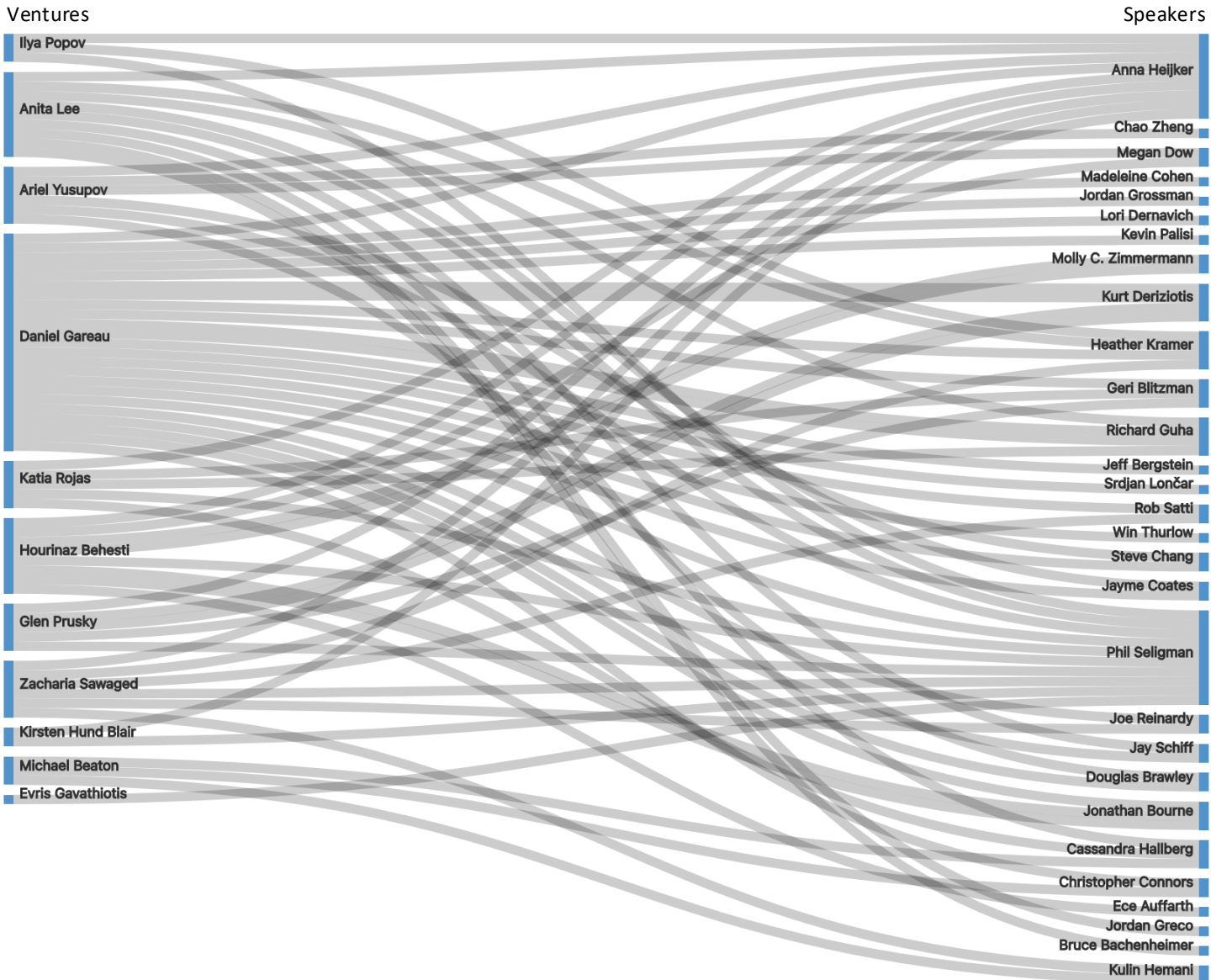
2024 Venture & Mentor

29 Venture and Mentor Connections



2024 Office Hours

71 Venture and Office Hour Speaker Connections



2024 Workshops and Webinars

410 Venture and Workshop and Webinar Speaker Connections

Ventures

- Anita Lee
- Ariel Yusupov
- Daniel Gareau
- Evris Gavathiotis
- Glen Prusky
- Hourinaz Behesti
- Ilya Popov
- Katia Rojas
- Kirsten Hund Blair
- Kevin McClarren
- Michael Beaton
- Zacharia Sawaged

Speakers

- Colette Thompson
- Bill Szeny
- Yves Duroseau
- Benjamin Mumford
- Madeline Cohen
- Sharon Lewis
- Kevin Palisi
- Lori Dernavich
- Srdjan Loncar
- Jordan Grossman
- Joe Reinardy
- Deborah Novick
- Win Thurlow
- Eliza Edge
- Steve Melito
- Kurt Deriziotis
- Kathy Durdon
- Mary Barlett
- Molly C. Zimmermann
- Richard Guha
- Jeff Bergstein
- Jay Schiff
- David Fung
- Larry DuBois
- Brendan Rae
- Gerl Blitzman
- Rob Satti
- Brandon Nickle
- Jayne Coates
- Michelle Bonn
- Silvia Garcia Codony
- Heather Kramer
- Cassandra Hallberg
- Dennis Purcell
- Jun Xu
- Matus Knoblich
- Jay Mohr
- Rajiv Ratan
- Ece Auffarth
- Jonathan Bourne
- Sunit Jariwala
- Jordan Greco
- Tom Wenchell
- Douglas Unis
- Kulin Hemani
- Yoav Cohen
- David Danar
- Bruce Bachenheimer
- Olipriya Das
- Kelsey Flannery
- Michael Astrachan
- Bijan Bayat
- Christopher Connors
- Douglas Brawley
- Ashley Moore
- Peter Grevelidj
- Walter Lindop
- Christine Finck
- Candy Carlson
- Anna Heijker
- Robin Miller
- Dan LaRose
- Chao Zheng
- Merja Perhonen
- Andrea Cefarelli



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