

2025 Economic Development Conference for the EDA Denver Region

University Partnerships to Promote Collaborative Economic Development



**Omaha's
university-
backed
incubator
transforming
research into
startups.**

Technical Assistance

- Provides key prototype development support
- Expanding further support to university inventors to foster innovation

Entrepreneurial Pairing

- Reaches out to the community to raise up external entrepreneurs
- Helps lead regional I-corps programming

Entrepreneurial Support

- Support startups with support services
- Connect startups to investors





Piece by Piece

Building the Future of Startup Investing

A Summit for Investors, led by Investors



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- UNMC: Medical simulation projects
- MCC: Scrum leadership
- UNO: Programming students
- UNeTech: Connects entrepreneurs & investors
- Community: Provides real-world testing & feedback

Workforce Development in Action

- Cross-campus collaboration uniting multiple institutions
- From university innovation to job placement
- Since September 2024: 218 student training sprints, 39 certifications

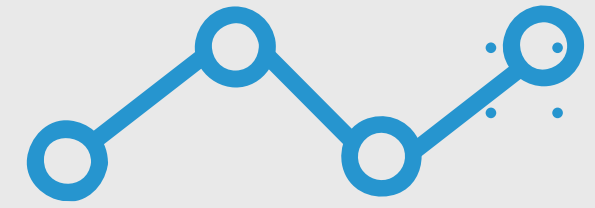


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Key Impact: Beyond Technology

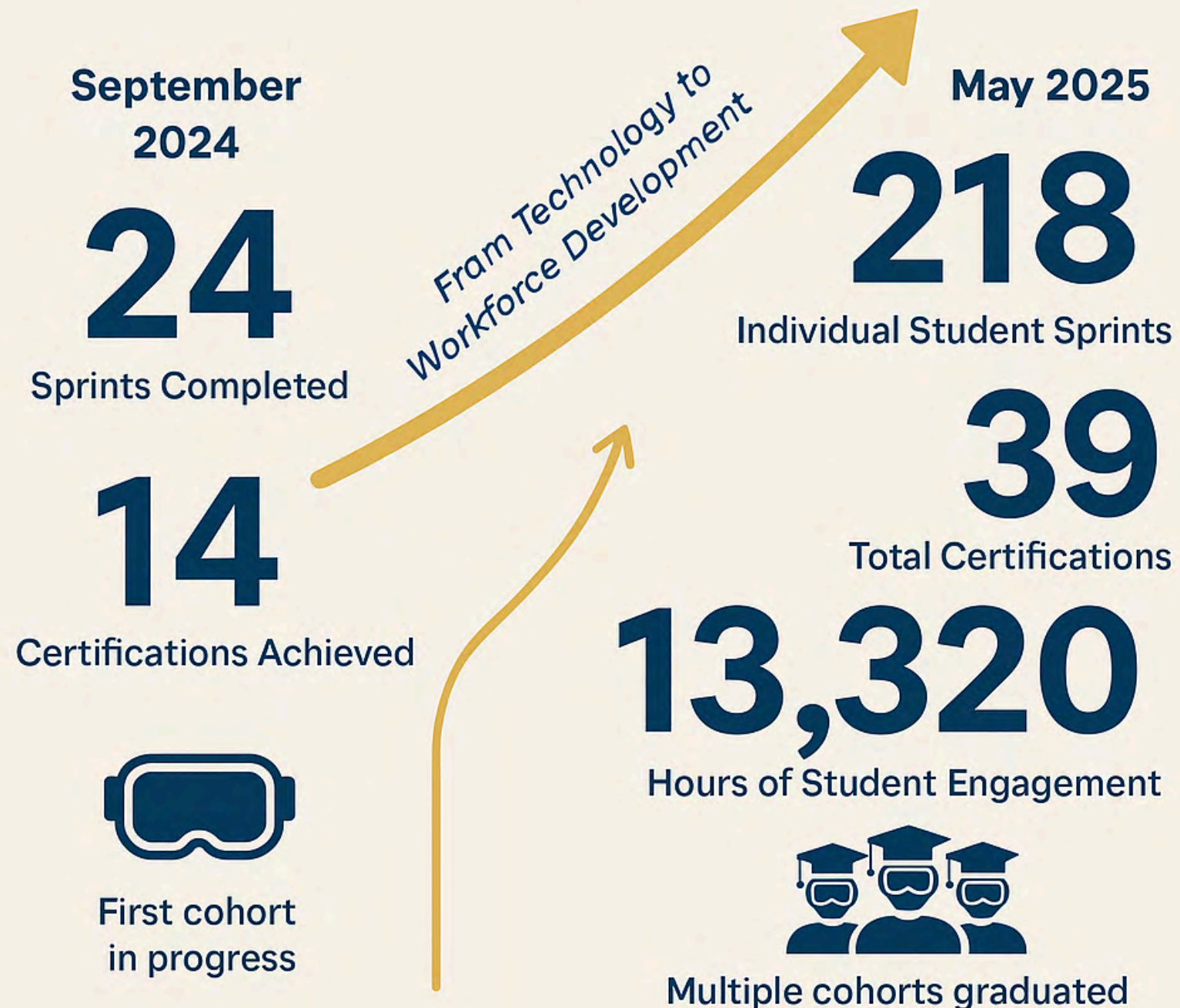
- Creating accessible pathways to high-tech careers
- Aligning university innovation with regional workforce needs
- "The real innovation all along was people"

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EVOLUTION OF METRICS

OMAHA VR PIPELINE



From Prototypes to People

The Democratization of Tech Innovation

