**BrightStar Wisconsin held first Chippewa Valley Hatch event**

BrightStar Wisconsin Foundation had its first Chippewa Valley Hatch event in Eau Claire Thursday the 26th. The event was attended by close to 80 people, and the audience and judges heard five great presentations. The winner of the "pitch" competition was Andrew Niese of Eau Claire, the creator of a web-based app called Fixity. It allows citizens to report problems in their city and provides the city with a management portal to track and resolve issues.

Andrew won $2,000 and will be back at the Chippewa Valley Regional Finale on November 8 to compete for a $5,000 prize. The event will be held at the Confluence Arts Center in Eau Claire.

HATCH is a rotating, high-energy idea pitch program designed to facilitate connections between prospective entrepreneurs and those within a community who support them such as industry experts, professional service firms, banks, non-profits, business leaders and investors. BrightStar funds these events with the help of a matching grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and the support of local donations and sponsorships.

The Menomonie event will be held on August 23 at the historic Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts, 205 Main Street East. The deadline for submitting an idea is August 7.

To apply to pitch at any of the remaining Hatch events, go to www.hatchwi.com scroll down to the "Submit an Idea" link and fill out the application.

APPLY TODAY!

**Remaining 2018 Hatch Schedule:**

August 22 - Wausau - Urban Street Bistro, 415 S 1st Ave Deadline is August 6

August 23 - Menomonie - Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts,

205 Main St, hosted by Dunn County Economic Development Corp Deadline is August 7

September 20 - Kenosha (Venue to be determined)

September 26 - Marshfield - Quality Tank Solutions Building, 3015 E 24th Street hosted by Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry

September 27 - Chippewa Falls - Chippewa River Distillery, 402 W River Street, Hosted by Chippewa County Economic Development Corp

November 1 - Southeastern Regional Finale - Racine-

November 7 - Central WI Regional Finale - Stevens Point

Noel Hangar at the Stevens Point Airport hosted by Central Wisconsin Hatch