



## TEC Centre opening: Dr. Peter Hackett

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### > Presentation of the TEC Student Entrepreneurship Award

Thank you David.

I'm happy to be part of awarding this first prize for a student-led tech start up in Northern Alberta. It shows we're serious about doing things differently around here.

Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes all of our leaders to get on the same page to change a culture. So, it is important to recognize the country, the province, the city and the university moving forward together in this.

So, thank you Minister Ambrose, Minister Horner – as well, Mel, Ron and Lorne.

What does this culture change mean to Albertans today?

### > Ingenuity Enterprise

Alberta Ingenuity is happy to be a part of a province-wide partnership with TEC Edmonton and UTI in Calgary in something called Ingenuity Enterprise, supporting student entrepreneurship in our leading academic institutions.

We'll invest \$3.2 million over the next few years in this and expect to see more new ideas and more new companies coming out of this collaboration.

The Ingenuity Enterprise programs approach entrepreneurial culture in different ways. For example, while Ukalta was developing their company, they were mentored by our Libin Executive in Residence, Grant Parks, and went through the rigor of competing in the Enterprise Student Business Plan Competition last spring. They also spent time at 'Tech Comm' boot camp and, as a result, they have Agilent, L3, Motorola and Veriwave interested in their product—and the scores to prove it!

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in this competition.

David – your new student tenants in the TEC Centre are: Ukalta Engineering!