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**"A Grateful Journey: From Steel to Startups...  
and now The Life Sciences"**



The Office of Technology Commercialization Invites you  
to join us for the  
Science, Technology, Investor Reception (STIR)  
to listen to our keynote speaker,

**John Hanak, Purdue Ventures,  
Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 5:30-8:00pm**

Greehey Children's Cancer Research Institute  
at UT Health San Antonio.

John Hanak is the managing director of Purdue Ventures and one of the co-founders of the Purdue Foundry, an entrepreneurial hub spinning out over 40 startups each year. Previously, he served as Statewide Director of Purdue's network of technology incubators across the state of Indiana. Prior to co-founding a technology commercialization firm in 2003 and arriving at the Purdue Research Foundation in 2005, Hanak served as President, CEO and board member of Digital Innovations, a Chicago-based technology product development and marketing firm. Before joining Digital Innovations, he spent more than 20 years in the steel industry with a \$2.3 Billion Fortune 500 integrated steel manufacturer where he was Vice President with responsibility for all administration and legal matters. He also co-founded a small angel investment partnership. He holds BS and JD degrees. He has served, and continues to serve, on a number of corporate and volunteer boards and is a former chair of the board of directors of the International Business Innovation Association and former president of the Venture Club of Indiana. In his role with Purdue Ventures, he is the fund manager for three seed funds and also manages the Purdue Research Foundation's portfolio of startup investments. One of the seed funds, the Foundry Investment Fund, is a life sciences side car fund that has invested in over a dozen life sciences technologies.

