

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Supplier Engagement

Date	Time	Event Description	Speaker	Location
January 27, 2026	10am-11am	Strategy First: Creating a Business Worth Owning	Ben Smith, SC SBDC	Hybrid
February 10, 2026	1pm-2pm	Financial Readiness for Growth & Supplier Contracts	Ben Calhoun, SC SBDC	Hybrid
February 26, 2026	10am-11am	Digital Marketing & Google Tools	Marco Rios, SC SBDC	Virtual
March 26, 2026	10am-11am	Accounting 101	Webster Rogers LLP	Virtual
April 15, 2026	2pm-3pm	Brand Identity	Betsy Sikma, Milliken Marketing	Hybrid
May 19, 2026	10am-11am	Lean Processes & Quality Standards	Art Crider, SC MEP	Hybrid
June 9, 2026	12pm-1pm	Lunch & Learn: Building a Team Culture 	Dr. Otilia Dill, Milliken HR	Hybrid
July 15, 2026	10am-11am	Growth Strategies & Access to Capital	Ben Smith, SC SBDC	Hybrid
August 12, 2026	12pm-1pm	Lunch & Learn: How to Be a Great Partner to Large Corporations (Milliken, BMW, Michelin & AFL) 	Corporate Sourcing Reps (Milliken, BMW, Michelin & AFL)	On-site
September 10, 2026	9am-10am	Cybersecurity	Earl Gregorich, SBA	Virtual
October 7, 2026	10am-11am	Strategic Risk Mitigation, Legal	Doug Lineberry, Offit Kurman	On-site
November 12, 2026	10am-11am	ESG – Triple Bottom Line in Action: Balancing Profit, Planet & People	Milliken Sustainability	Hybrid
December 11, 2026	2pm-3pm	Succession & Continuity Planning	Ben Smith, SC SBDC	Hybrid