Presenting Our Guest Speaker
Craig Witmer, CenterState CEO
Inspyre Innovation Hub

CenterState CEO announces Craig Witmer is its Vice President of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. In this role, Craig oversees the CenterState CEO's innovation, entrepreneurship, and small business programming to support founders, early-stage, and growth focused businesses across multiple industry verticals through a variety of accelerators, educational programming, network engagement, and direct client technical assistance. Craig is a part of CenterState CEO's Inclusive Growth leadership team and helps to design program strategies that lead to meaningful, measurable outcomes for the organization and the startup, entrepreneurial, and innovation clients it serves.

He also manages collaborations and relationships with strategic partners in Central New York's innovation ecosystem of private and public entities and internationally across a network of incubators, startup accelerators, small business technical assistance providers, and economic development organizations.

Craig has more than a decade of broad experience working in startups, law and international relations in New York and Europe. Prior to this role, Craig worked as a leader in the City of Syracuse's Office of Analytics, Performance and Innovation and serves as an adjunct professor at Syracuse University.

Craig received a master's in management with a specialization in public policy and economics from Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris (ESCP Business School) and Master of international Business with a specialization in International Trade and Investment from the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business along with a Certificate in Global Strategy. He previously graduated from Seton Hall University's School of Diplomacy and International Relations and the University Honors Program. He is a member of Foreign Policy for America's NextGen Initiative.

He hails from Western New York's Southtowns. And, therefore, asked us to include this to end his press release: Go Bills.