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South Carolina Inventors Forum enters its second year.
Helping folks bring their new product ideas to life!

Columbia, SC: The South Carolina Inventors Forum has entered its second year bringing top name celebrities in the invention world to our zoom meetings. Last month **Josh Malone**, the inventor of **Bunch O Balloons** ("his solution to the 63-year-old problem of filling and sealing water balloons"), now the *number one selling summer toy* and now a full-time volunteer with the inventor advocacy organization US Inventor. ([USI](http://USI.com)) was a special guest speaker along with our own local IP expert **Doug Lineberry** to talk about how patents really work for inventors.

This month we are welcoming legendary inventor and Founder of Instapreneur, Global authority on product distribution, animal disaster evacuation specialist and DRTV rockstar **Lindsey Brooks**. Lindsey enjoys being an entrepreneur and encouraging others with great ideas and inventions. Always looking for great products and ideas to bring to market, we look forward to hearing Lindsey talk about her past experiences with mega As Seen on TV products like the Slap Chop to how to use NFTs to secure IP!

SCIF has progressed far in its first year building working relations with the SBA, GoFundMe, City of Columbia Economic Business Development department, 1 Million Cups Columbia and Midlands Technical College. We are fortunate these groups share the viewpoint "that entrepreneurship is the most sustainable resource for economic growth" and that our forum fits this vision.

Our Vision Statement -

"SCIF will contribute to South Carolina becoming known as an Innovation Hub here in the southeast. Economic development in the South Carolina region depends heavily on entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship depends heavily on creativity and invention. By assisting inventors in leveraging their intellectual property and becoming more entrepreneurial, SCIF will play an important role in furthering South Carolina's reputation as supporting local entrepreneurial efforts, creativity, launching quality businesses and creating good paying jobs. SCIF will become a recognized valued partner in South Carolina's economic re-development."

About Us -

SCIF is a 501c3 non-profit member organization whose members comprise inventors, service providers and sponsors. Experienced inventors, service providers and invited guest speakers provide valuable information and insights both at monthly meetings and at one-on-one mentoring sessions regarding the process of invention and taking ideas to the marketplace. Topics included at these meetings

and mentoring sessions include creativity, intellectual property (patent, trademark, copyright and licensing), designing, developing and prototyping ideas, supply chain (domestic and offshore manufacturing), marketing, licensing, distribution and funding.

SCIF provides a networking environment that encourages inventors to learn from one another and to develop the skills necessary to take invention to the entrepreneurship level thus creating successful enterprises. SCIF is associated with Midlands Tech, the South Carolina based globally recognized organization that fosters entrepreneurship by catalyzing, accelerating and supporting the growth of the most promising local businesses.

SCIF is a proud member of the United Inventors Association ([UIA](#)) whose mission is to coordinate individual inventors and inventor associations for the purpose of advocating for their issues and interests at both the national and global level. In fulfilling its mission UIA serves as an advisor to both public and private sector entities.

See you on Zoom 7pm EST Wednesday November 10!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88251334966?pwd=SWVTTmhHNNHZKUXISTW9SRkE1UDB3QT09>

For questions about SCIF, contact Adrian at admin@southcarolinainventorsforum.org.

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About South Carolina Inventors Forum: SCIF assists inventors with protecting, developing, and commercializing their intellectual property through motivation, education, mentoring, a network of local service providers, and national networking opportunities.

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