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## **Mycologists Staniszewski and Bry join ALLinAG as partners to lead NSF-funded Project Morchella**

Highland Park, IL - 2024 was an exceedingly challenging year for All-In Peppers and Specialty Produce LLC with the sudden passing of our founder last summer, and the subsequent hurdles of business continuity on every front. Talent, time, and treasury make up the required elements of any business or project; and we needed the talent to continue the mission we are on, continue the NSF Seed Fund Phase 1 Award activity & budget, with little or no time left to do so.

We thank our small private group of earliest investors who placed their trust in us for their support and patience through this period. We are excited about 2025 and thrilled to announce our ALLinAG MycoTeam since Q1: new stakeholders John James Staniszewski as Chief Mycologist, VP/Director of Product Development and also Charles Bry as Mycologist, Lab Manager/Sr. Technician. Both of the Chicago area. Co-Founder J-M Ermel continues to serve as Principal Investigator on the NSF Phase 1 program and is also the chief operating manager for the firm.

With extensive hands-on and market-based experience in both mushroom production and product development, Staniszewski leads our vision to commercialize our collective innovative developments for CEA based Morel Mushroom cultivation and production. Staniszewski is the founder & creator of the Fungitarian lifestyle. A lifestyle supplement brand focused on bringing the highest quality, most bioavailable mushrooms supplements to the masses while building a community of Fungitarians to educate the world on the benefits of mushrooms.

Charlie Bry brings 13 years' experience in fungal cultivation, phytochemistry, natural product research, and nutraceutical product development. Bry is founder of Clandestiny Labs, providing scientific consulting services. Both are active NSF Phase 1 Award program cohorts and participants finishing the project activities with the vision to productize our innovation for growth and position us for commercialization and a potential SBIR-NSF Phase 2 opportunity.

"We are honored to have John James and Charlie working on the grant heading the research, and Charlie has been brilliant in developing a scalable method for the indoor year-round cultivation of *Morchella americana*", noted J-M Ermel the Co-Founder. Ermel adds, "Collectively they have devoted and bring years of history and now hundreds of hours working with the *Morchella* genus and making this innovation work."

We are committed to solve the Morel mystery and enable American farmers and communities to grow the Morel mushroom. For more information visit [ALLinAG](http://ALLinAG) or contact us.

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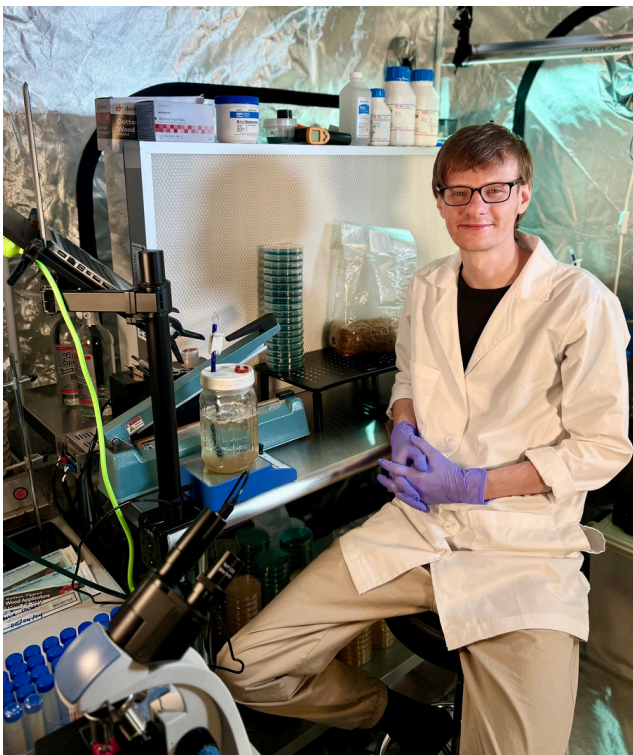
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John James Staniszewski: Chief Mycologist, VP/Director of Product Development

Charles Bry: Mycologist, Lab Manager/Sr. Technician

John-Michael Ermel: Co-Founder, Chief Operating Manager - Principal Investigator on NSF Phase 1 Award

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**NSF Phase 1 Award**  
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SBIR Phase 1: Developing an Indoor Method to Produce Morel Mushroom Fruiting Bodies



“At the intersection of passion and perseverance lies Project Morchella — our pioneering effort to unlock the secrets of *Morchella americana*, one of the most elusive and sought-after mushrooms on Earth.”

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