



Biography 	Daniel James Scott is a serial entrepreneur; co-founder and/or leader of seven university academic programs; co-creator of Create the WOW! with Patrick Van der Pijl (producer of the bestseller Business Model Generation); co-developer of the Learning Suits framework, Startup Financial Model Canvas and SCRY feasibility model; co-host of the upcoming Opportunity School podcast; and author of two books-in-progress: Tension: How effective boards leverage strategy to create impact & The Minimum Viable Venture.
Academic Awards 	2026 State of Florida Entrepreneurship Educator of the Year 2025 James "Jim" Hunter CEO Chapter Advisor of the Year 2025 Stetson University Outstanding Innovator 2024 GCEC Student Engagement & Leadership 2023 Rowan University Excellence in Online Learning 2013 USASBE Outstanding Emerging Entrepreneurship Program 2007-2026 Princeton Review Top Ranked Graduate Entrepreneurship Program
Leadership Awards 	The PMI Central Florida Lifetime Achievement Award 2nd Annual Tampa Bay Biz Journal Power 100 3rd Annual Top 100 Small Business Influencer 10th Annual Tampa Bay Technology Leader of the Year 10th Annual International Business Awards Executive of the Year 50th Anniversary US SBA Florida Business Advocate of the Year
Startup Exits 	7th Sphere Entertainment (co-founder) → Universal Concerts (1999) Plan To Start (co-founder) → Private Equity (2011) seoslides (co-founder) → Reuters (2014) The Hustle (investor) → HubSpot (2021) Opal AI (board of directors) → Etra Health (2026)
Active Investments 	Daniel is currently a partner in the Accelerare fund (FL) and minority owner of Chi Chi's Restaurants (MN), NK Tabor United (SI), Overthrow Hospitality (NY), Yes.Fit (FL, 2x Inc 5000), and a dozen additional companies.
Accelerator Leadership 	Daniel led accelerator programs for the Accelerare, the Department of Defense, Gazelle Lab (part of the Techstars Network), Rowan University, Stetson University, and the University of South Florida. He is a co-founder of the Global Accelerator Network, now known as the Global Venture Network.
Nonprofit Leadership 	Daniel led the turnarounds of two nonprofits: one as executive director (Tampa Bay Business Journal Outstanding Board of Directors recipient) and one as treasurer of the board (Tampa Bay Business Journal One Tampa Bay recipient). He is also a founding member of Steven Tyler's (Aerosmith) charity, Janie's Fund.
Artistic Projects 	Daniel is an investor in two feature films, two film studios, a film distribution platform, and a film festival. He is also a co-producer of three short films and executive producer on two full-length albums (two Grammy nominations, three Clio awards).
Media Appearances 	Daniel served as iHeartRadio's on-air technology expert for four years. He remains an on-call expert for iHeart and Wallethub. Highlights among his 500+ media appearances include Entrepreneur Magazine, TechCrunch, the Wall Street Journal, and more than seven dozen appearances in American City Business Journal articles.

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