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How Angel Investors Lead In a Post-COVID World – at ACA 2021 - The Summit of Angel Investing

SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman Delivers Keynote at Global Summit

Portland, OR (May 3, 2021) – Isabella Casillas Guzman, the 27th Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), delivers the keynote address this week at [ACA 2021 - The Summit of Angel Investing](#) - the Angel Capital Association's (ACA) premier event—May 4-6th. Administrator Guzman represents more than 30 million U.S. small businesses and is committed to helping small business owners and entrepreneurs get started, grow, and strengthen their businesses. This year, the Summit will address the changing post-COVID world— how to capitalize on new opportunities and incentives generated by the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan, with over \$60B targeted at small businesses including start-ups.

Helping entrepreneurs get started is at the heart of the ACA's mission. The Angel Capital Association estimates that American angel investors pump around \$25 billion into more than 70,000 startups each year, and in turn, these new small businesses create jobs, spur innovation, and fuel economies. ACA 2021 - The Summit of Angel Investing is the world's premier education and networking event for angel investors, offering opportunities to learn about investing strategies, increasing deal flow and optimizing returns, sharing best practices for supporting entrepreneurs during the earliest stages of growth, identifying new and emerging markets, and more.

The majority of this year's attendees will participate virtually, with a limited number meeting face-to-face in Portland, Oregon, sharing ideas and inspiration in a COVID-safe environment.

In addition to Administrator Guzman's address, Dr. Christopher Schwarz, Faculty Director of the Center for Investment and Wealth Management at the University of California-Irvine will also deliver a keynote speech, entitled "Current Thoughts on the Investment Environment" reflecting the interests of the global attendees.

The Summit is an opportunity to learn how the special relationship of angels and the entrepreneurs innovate, build successful businesses, create jobs, and drive the economy.

The annual [Innovation Funders Showcase](#) kicks off the event May 3 at 5pm EST/2pm PST, featuring a hand-selected group of more than 30 promising startups. A small group of these companies will present full screenings exclusively for ACA 2021 attendees on Thursday, May 6 at 4pm EST/1pm PST.

"This year's event is packed with dynamic sessions to help our angel investors navigate new opportunities," said Angel Capital Association CEO Patrick Gouhin. "We are thrilled to have Administrator Guzman as one of our keynotes, signaling her recognition of angel investors as important sources of funding and support for startups and early-stage companies. Angels are passionate about powering economies and communities around the world, and we look forward to working with the U.S. government to facilitate more investment."

About the Angel Capital Association (ACA) The Angel Capital Association (ACA) is the professional association of global angel investors to offer education, best practices, data, public policy advocacy, and significant benefits and resources to its membership of more than 14,000 accredited investors, who invest individually or through its 250+ angel groups, accredited platforms, and family offices. Visit angelcapitalassociation.org or at @ACAAngelCapital

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