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## **CIT Investment Director, Jen O’Daniel, to Join Regional Investors on a ‘Meet the VCs’ Panel** *Group to discuss market trends and offer insight to the startup community*

**Herndon, VA** – April 29, 2019 – The Center for Innovative Technology ([CIT](#)) is pleased to share that Jen O’Daniel, Investment Director, will participate on a ‘Meet the VCs’ panel hosted by TriNet on May 2, 2019. The event will bring top venture capitalists from the Greater Washington area to share their insight with the local startup and entrepreneur community.

The panel will be moderated by Kevin Morgan, Director of Tech Sector Attraction and Retention, Washington DC Economic Partnership. O’Daniel will join panelists Brian Matthews, General Partner, Harmonic Growth Partners; Daniel Abrams, CEO, MassLight; Matt Gittleman, Associate, Blu Ventures; Phil Jung, Investment Associate, Maryland Venture Fund; Rob Painter, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Razor's Edge Ventures; and Sam Cates, Director of Investing, GE Ventures. To register for the event, please click [here](#).

**When:** Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm ET

**Where:** WeWork, 777 6<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest, Washington DC, 20001

### **What: *Meet the VCs***

Join the local startup community and fellow entrepreneurs for this special two-part event: a panel discussion featuring some of the DMV’s top VCs, followed by networking. This is a phenomenal opportunity to mingle with and learn from current and aspiring small business owners and to hear from our expert panel about market trends and major focuses for investors across 2019 and beyond.

### **Who: *Jen O’Daniel, Investment Director, CIT***

Jen O’Daniel joined CIT GAP Funds in 2003, where she leads seed and early stage investments in tech companies for CIT GAP Funds, concentrating on cybersecurity and enterprise software. As part of the investment team, she has led or been part of over 100 investments in seed and early stage companies. O’Daniel also leads investments for MACH37, a cybersecurity accelerator. She is the co-founder and managing director of VT Investor Network (VTIN) a 75+ member angel group that invests in Hokie-led startups. Weekly, O’Daniel co-hosts the CyberScoop podcast, Securiosity, where she recaps cybersecurity news and interviews industry CISOs and CEOs. O’Daniel holds a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Management from Virginia Tech.

### **About CIT GAP Funds**

CIT GAP Funds makes seed-stage equity investments in Virginia-based technology, clean tech and life science companies with a high potential for achieving rapid growth and generating significant economic return for entrepreneurs, co-investors and the Commonwealth of Virginia. CIT GAP Funds’ investments are overseen by the CIT GAP Funds Investment Advisory Board (IAB). This independent, third-party panel consists of leading regional entrepreneurs, angel and strategic investors, and venture capital firms such as New Enterprise Associates, Grotech Ventures, Valhalla Partners, Harbert Venture Partners HIG Ventures, Edison Ventures, In-Q-Tel, Intersouth Partners, SJF Ventures, Carilion Health Systems, Johnson & Johnson, General Electric, and Alpha Natural Resources. For more information, please visit [www.citgapfunds.org](http://www.citgapfunds.org).