

## Welcome aboard, Brian Hoffman!

Washington Maritime Blue hires Brian Hoffman as Program Director for Blue Ventures.



We're delighted to welcome the newest addition to the Maritime Blue Team: Brian Hoffman, Director of Blue Ventures!

Brian's impressive background in fostering startup success and creating founder communities brings a wealth of expertise to our organization.

Most recently, Brian held multiple executive leadership positions at "StartX," the nonprofit founder community for Stanford Entrepreneurs. During his tenure, he effectively secured record-breaking, mission-aligned sponsorships while simultaneously building one of the Bay Area's most successful accelerator and founder communities.

"We are thrilled to have Brian Hoffman join our team as we continue to build out best-in-class innovation programs here at Maritime Blue," says president and CEO Joshua Berger. "Brian adds next-level expertise, founder support, and operational excellence to our already world-class ecosystem. There is no doubt that if you are seeking mentorship, access to capital, and wrap-around cluster support, the best blue economy startups in the world will come to the region for growth opportunities."

Beyond his professional achievements, Brian holds a Juris Doctorate from Stanford Law School, a Masters of International Relations from the University of Hong Kong, and Bachelors of Economics & Political Science from the University of Louisville.

When he's not immersed in the world of innovation, you can find Brian exploring Seattle's beautiful parks, beaches, and hikes with his loyal canine companion by his side.

