Steve Brookstein has 35-plus years experience in the telecommunications industry, including senior management positions at Home Box Office and Comcast. He was also the chief operating officer at two high-tech startups. He has been coaching at the Albert J. Simone Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship for the last three years.

Gary Jacobs is an architectural illustrator and environment concept artist. He has owned and operated his company, Jacobs Illustration, for over 15 years. His clients and projects range from theme park attractions to public architectural spaces and environmental graphics. Although his clients are located throughout the United States, you can see his design work locally in the new canopy at the Greater Rochester International Airport. In addition to providing strategic visions and concepts for capital campaigns, Jacobs Illustration currently works with museum clients to develop interactive experiences using augmented and blended reality.
Peter Pincus

Born in Rochester, N.Y., Peter Pincus is a ceramic artist and educator. His work has been exhibited in venues such as Ferrin Contemporary, Duane Reed Gallery, Sherry Leedy Contemporary, Lewis Wexler Gallery, Chamber NYC, Greenwich House Pottery, Impakto Gallery, Salon Art + Design, SOFA Chicago, Collective Design and New York Ceramics and Glass Fair. His work can be found in numerous private and public collections, including the Daum Museum of Contemporary Art, the Everson Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, ASU Art Museum Ceramics Research Center, Schien-Joseph International Museum and the Arkansas Arts Center Museum. Peter is a 2017 Lewis Comfort Tiffany Award recipient.

Natalie Sinisgalli

Natalie Sinisgalli is an entrepreneur and portrait photographer, focusing on empowering others through her work. Over the last 12 years, she has grown her studio (Natalie Sinisgalli Photography) to be one of the top portrait and wedding studios in Rochester, N.Y. Located downtown in the East Avenue district, Sinisgalli’s studio employs retouchers, a studio manager and several associate photographers. She has recently started a new business called Embolden, the goal of which is to provide coaching, information, support and community to small business owners. She has a strong passion for helping others see the beauty and potential in themselves, the aim of which is served by both of her businesses.