Formed by Santa Clara University and its Ciocca Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, the Bronco Venture Accelerator (BVA) combines the hands-on learning and growth for founders that traditional accelerators offer with the resources and network of the Santa Clara community.

The BVA’s second cohort started in July 2020 with 16 promising early stage startups founded by Santa Clara alumni, faculty, staff, and students receiving four months of business assistance and mentorship focused on refinement and validation of business models, improving product development by working with customers, building partnerships, and pitching early-stage financing.

The BVA also has two feeder programs: an Idea School in the fall for founders at the cusp of creating their companies, and an Accelerator Prep School in the spring to help prepare fledgling startups for the BVA or other summer accelerator program.

Please reach out to me if you'd like to mentor, advise, or invest in our companies or sponsor any of our programs or services.

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We make money through advertisements and subscriptions. As recent grads, we’re passionate about solving this problem as we are familiar with the struggles of finding the right advisors in defining a career path. We want to ensure a brighter future for students and are dedicated to bring the Opal vision to life.

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