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## NSIV Member Spotlight - Lariat Biosciences

It is no surprise that development investments into liquid biopsies has surged recently. They offer easily repeatable, noninvasive genetic characterization of cancers, even informing personalized treatment for later stage disease.



However, the approach has traditionally been limited to advanced cancer; the challenge of detecting vanishingly small numbers of biomarkers thwarts its usage for early stage detection.

Yet, catching cancer early is indisputably the best therapeutic approach. That is why NSIV member Lariat Biosciences was founded around developing a technology with the highest sensitivity to find cancer in the bloodstream at the earliest stages.

"It's a needle in a haystack hunt that we're after," says Lariat's founder and CEO, Jonathan Larson. "Detecting cancer at the earliest stages, ... [read more](#)

## Virtech Bio is a NSIV Graduate!



Graduation Day for [Virtech Bio](#) - CEO Matias Vidal moves the company logo to the "Graduate" wall with CTO Rick Lights on hand for the event. Congrats and best wishes for future successes to Virtech Bio!

## NSIV Fall Interns Present



At December's InnoVentures U, our interns were front and center - each of our 5 interns, shown here with their supervisors, had the opportunity to present the highlights of challenging projects and what they accomplished.

From left to right: David Walczak(1), Robert Gillich(4), Harry Shain(5), Matt Faucher(6), and Vanessa Roumilhac(9). Great work by all - we miss them already!

## Swapping Gifts, Yankee Style

Also in December, a bunch of NSIV members held an old-fashioned Yankee Swap. Oddly enough there was not much swapping - most people were happy with what they received or we have a very polite group of entrepreneurs!



## In the News

Here's some news of interest to share with our fellow riders of the MBTA Commuter Rail. We may soon be seeing a **shuttle bus** from the Beverly Depot to business centers in Beverly and Danvers including the Cummings Center!



It might even be running by spring! Read more in the [Beverly Patch](#).



Lots going on this winter/spring at the **Enterprise Center** at Salem State University. Check out the [Programs](#) page to see if there is an event or workshop that could help your business or sign up for their newsletter [here](#).

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