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Since 1996, Phil Weilerstein has been the chief executive of VentureWell, a US- based non-profit formed to stimulate and support the incorporation of innovation and entrepreneurship in higher education. From the beginning, Phil’s focus for VentureWell has been to help bring science and technology innovations to commercial scale. He’s accomplished this goal by designing and overseeing programs that encourage curricular innovation and venture creation, provide resources and training for faculty and student entrepreneurs, and develop community through conferences and workshops for faculty and students.

Phil is a Founder and Past Chair of the ASEE Entrepreneurship Division and a recipient of the 2008 Price Foundation Innovative Entrepreneurship Educators Award, the 2014 Engineering Entrepreneurship Pioneers Award from ASEE, and the 2016 Deshpande Symposium Award for Outstanding Contributions to Advancing Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Higher Education. Phil attended the University of Massachusetts where he was a co-founder of a biotechnology company developing naturally occurring pest control products.