



## Robert Vera

Robert Vera is the Director of GCU's Canyon Ventures Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Under Robert's leadership the center has attracted over thirty startup ventures including firms from Dubai, London, and Budapest, and seven Arizona Commerce Authority Innovation Challenge finalist. The center currently employs over one hundred GCU students, has a business acceleration ecosystem with services that include an angel investment group, a debt lending partner, revenue generation services, economic development services, student employment services, video and application development services.

Robert was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts and earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Boston College and an MBA from Grand Canyon University. Robert is a successful entrepreneur having founded a healthcare SaaS in 2007 and exited in 2013. He is also the bestselling author of *A Warrior's Faith* (Thomas Nelson - March 2015), the book earned the publishing industry's Illumination Silver Medal Award for Best Memoir. His most recent book *Perfectly Wounded* (Hatchet - Twelve Publishing), released in June 2020, currently is the Amazon Editor's Choice for Best Biography & Memoir. Robert is married with children, lives in Phoenix, Arizona where he proudly serves as the Honorary Commander of the 161st Air National Guard Squadron.