



### Andrew Ryan (Ryan Rafols) · 2nd

4X Startup Founder w/3 Exits. Helped Startups Raise \$300M+. Built Top 100 App w/ 500k+ Downloads. Previous Missile Defense Engineer & Army Veteran.

Talks about #newchip, #startups, #accelerator, #fundraising, and #venturecapital

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### Activity

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 Andrew shared this  
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### About

I live and breathe tech. Let's make it a better world together 🤖 . Currently, run the top virtual accelerator in the world. Startup founders please apply on our site [launch.newchip.com/apply-now](http://launch.newchip.com/apply-now)

### Experience

- newchip**  
**Founder & CEO**  
 Newchip Accelerator  
 Jun 2016 – Present · 5 yrs 2 mos  
 Austin, Texas Area  
 Providing entrepreneurs with all of the skills and tools necessary to build, scale, and fund their startups from launch to exit via our online global accelerator and venture fund.
- JOURNEY**  
**General Partner**  
 Journey Venture Partners  
 2019 – Present · 2 yrs  
 United States
- ASTRALABS**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
 ASTRALABS  
 Jan 2020 – Present · 1 yr 7 mos  
 Austin, Texas Metropolitan Area
- City of Austin**  
**City Commissioner**  
 Jun 2013 – Dec 2020 · 7 yrs 7 mos  
 Austin, Texas





### Co-Founder & Advisor

Safer Technologies Inc  
Mar 2016 – Aug 2016 · 6 mos  
Austin, Texas Area

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## Education



The University of Texas at Austin



Newchip Accelerator

## Volunteer experience



**Volunteer**  
Operation Santa Claus  
Children



**Volunteer**  
Austin State Hospital  
Social Services

## Skills & endorsements

Start-ups · 99+



Endorsed by **Stuart Nixdorff** and 11 others who are highly skilled at this



Endorsed by 4 of Andrew's colleagues at Newchip Accelerator

Social Entrepreneurship · 99+



Endorsed by 3 of Andrew's colleagues at Newchip Accelerator

Policy · 99+

Ghost Lechner and 99+ connections have given endorsements for this skill

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## Recommendations

Received (10)

Given (11)



**Robert D. Thomas, PhD, JD, MBA**

Commissioner Representing the Public at Texas Workforce Commission (former)

May 11, 2018, Robert D. was Andrew's mentor

Thought leader and passionate entrepreneur. Ryan is one to watch!



**Jonathan Dade**

MBA, MTS, Rabbi, Author  
May 10, 2018, Jonathan was Andrew's teacher

Ryan is a young professional who exhibits the work ethic, passion for success, and knowledge of business that is usually only found in leaders many years his senior. We become what we strive to be, and Ryan is a positive testimony to the growth one achieves by doing. Through starting numerous organizations, navi... See more

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## Accomplishments

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Organizations

- Omega Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity
- American Military Retirees Association
- Association of the United States Army
- Texas Exes
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Air Defense Artillery Association

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Honors & Awards