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Louisiana Historian Robert Brevelle Ranked Among Top Investors in 2026

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Robert Brevelle, Top Investor 2026

Shizune, a San Francisco-based tech firm specializing in connecting startups with tailored investors, has named Robert Brevelle to its list of top investors in 2026.

An interesting combination, Robert is a historian and early-stage technologist known for his prowess in entrepreneurship, engineering, and angel investing in the U.S. and Europe. In recent years, publications have named him to the rankings of Top 10 Investors for Dallas and Silicon Valley, Top 100 Investors that Support Veterans, and Top 100 Global Innovators and Entrepreneurs. This is the third year Shizune has named Robert to its top investor rankings.

"Robert's halo continues to shine," said Jennifer Davis of Silicon Valley Bank, a division of First Citizens Bank. "Angel investors such as Robert are an essential part of the start-up ecosystem. Robert brings a wealth of technical, financial, and strategic business experience which startups and young entrepreneurs require, if they want to be successful. This same toolkit is what has proven time and time again to deliver him incredible returns in these high-risk, complex investments."

Based on data from Crunchbase, PitchBook, and Shizune, Robert's companies have returned in excess of \$1.5 billion dollars to investors. The financial community refers to these as "exits." Robert has had a string of them in Texas, California, New York, and Europe. The industries vary but include aerospace, semiconductors, medical, and infrastructure. Dozens of his investments have received subsequent funding or been acquired by Mark Cuban, Jason Calacanis, and Fortune 500 Companies. The recent acquisition of Meowtel by Rover, a Blackstone company adds to his portfolio of successful exits.

"This recognition reflects the work of a lot of people," said Robert Brevelle. "The true credit goes to the founders and their teams who sacrifice and risk so much to transform their ideas into reality and their efforts into a sustainable, profitable business. My role is to identify potential and help them in their journey to success."

Robert is the Chairman of the Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society and a credentialed Louisiana Professional Genealogist and Certified Heraldist. He is also President of the Baton Rouge Historical Society.

"Many startups fail for the same reason," said Robert. "They repeat the mistakes of others and fail to incorporate best practices and lessons learned from centuries of business, marketing, science, and engineering. This is why history is so important. If you have an appreciation for any sort of history, you will bring that philosophy to your startup. You will avoid the pitfalls of the past. It is painful to watch founders repeat well-known and documented mistakes of past entrepreneurs. History provides the memory and knowledge. Without it, there is no future."

Later this year, his first book on Louisiana Native American History will be published as part of a three book deal with the state historical society and the world's largest book distributor. As a result of his research, the state will dedicate bronze historical markers paying tribute to the Adai Caddo Indian Nation, Creoles, and gens de couleur libres.

Robert holds degrees in engineering, computer science, and business. He has completed specialized programs or post graduate work in economics, corporate finance, operations management, military history, project management, corporate governance, genealogy, heraldry, and opera. He was an adjunct professor for nine years while working as an executive for L-3Harris and Leonardo. He is considered an industry expert in electronic warfare, signals intelligence, cyber security, and venture capital with awards from NASA, DoD, NRA, ASC, and IEEE.

"My investment strategy is simple," said Robert. "I only invest in ideas or solutions I understand. A solid grasp of the technology, the underlying hard science, use case, and/or market is a self-imposed requirement. I stay away from things I don't understand. Equally important, I invest in people. Honest, smart, accountable, and hardworking will carry the day. Run away from everything else."

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