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In February, a standing-room only audience of regional dignitaries and invited special guests witnessed the birth of something quite special – the opening of the nation’s first MakerBot 3D Printing Innovation Center on the campus of the State University of New York at New Paltz.

As the founding organization of this unique initiative, the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation (HVEDC) was quite proud to see what started as a small idea had grown quickly into a stirring revolution.

The applause was deafening, as elected officials, business leaders, faculty and students cheered for SUNY New Paltz President Don Christian and MakerBot CEO Bre Pettis, when both leaders held aloft a massive pair of special 3D-printed scissors after officially opening the center and welcoming a new era in economic development to the Hudson Valley.

Pettis, the brilliant Brooklyn-based MakerBot founder, has often been called “the Steve Jobs of 3D Printing,” and rightly so, as he fully embodies modern entrepreneurship and the infectious energy America’s economy so desperately needs. He described the opening of the Innovation Center at SUNY New Paltz as a “step forward into the frontier,” claiming we are all “on an adventure we have never been on before.” He added, “We don’t even know what will happen, because of the seeds we’re planting here today ... the most exciting part is what happens next.”

What is 3D Printing?

Additive manufacturing, more commonly known as 3D printing, is the process of fabricating three-dimensional solid objects from a digital model. Its capabilities are endless, from producing lightweight aircraft parts to customized toys and medical implants on-demand. The technology provides an environmentally sustainable alternative to traditional manufacturing, as products are manufactured closer to the consumer and without excess materials.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

After the long winter and spring, HVEDC is creating new endeavors to continue the Hudson Valley’s economic rebirth. We are excited to launch our new State of the Hudson Valley Economy event and regional Business Climate Survey. Both of these fresh initiatives will help us learn how to keep the Hudson Valley growing in this uncertain climate by sharing critical information about the world around us.

While the national economy and job market are still struggling to gain steam, HVEDC is working hard to attract investors and employers to the Hudson Valley, and provide local businesses with networking opportunities and potential employment. The new State of the Economy event will give us a chance to do both. HVEDC and JLL will also jointly release the findings of our Hudson Valley Business Climate Survey, yet another way to help local businesses flourish by arming entrepreneurs, business executives and government leaders with the data needed to make well-informed decisions.

Join us for the State of the Economy event in June and for all our 2014 events. As always, your success is our success, and we will continue to support your efforts.



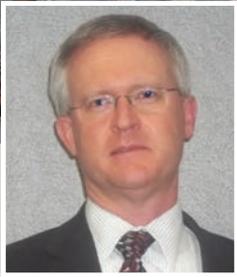
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Q&A with Mark Kastner and Jim Smith About Hudson Valley's Infrastructure



Mark Kastner
President

The Chazen Companies
Poughkeepsie



Jim Smith
Founder and CEO

Advance Testing Company, Inc.
Campbell Hall

The construction of the new Tappan Zee Bridge is a much-needed, long-overdue project that will represent a huge improvement in our transportation infrastructure and provide a boost to the economy of the lower Hudson Valley. Advance Testing is involved in testing and inspection on the project, and while The Chazen Companies is not involved, the firm is very supportive of this critically important regional infrastructure project. With infrastructure so prominently featured in the news lately, HVEDC decided to conduct a Q&A this quarter with two people deeply involved in Hudson Valley infrastructure.

What is your company doing to meet the demands of regional infrastructure projects?

Mark: Chazen works with all levels of government, including villages, towns, cities, counties and state agencies, to help them address, plan for and implement infrastructure improvements. Unfortunately, the infrastructure needs of most municipalities far outweigh their available funds, and a big part of what we do for our clients is help them identify grants and other sources of financing to help fund their projects. We work with several state agencies and dozens of municipalities up and down the Hudson Valley assessing infrastructure needs, identifying funding sources, and designing and overseeing the construction of improvements.

Jim: The company has always been focused on staying ahead of the curve by incorporating new technology in both day-to-day operations, as well as in ensuring testing and inspection work is performed with the most modern and accurate equipment available. Additionally, we place the highest importance on maintaining a robust, highly qualified staff to meet the needs of any projects that arise. Due to our efforts to maintain the highest quality of service available, we're proud to have received the Seal of Excellence Award from the American Council of Independent Laboratories, a distinction

presented to laboratories demonstrating a high level of ethics, customer service and quality, based on nationwide survey results.

What are your opinions of the current state of regional infrastructure? Do you see any specific needs?

Mark: Much of our infrastructure is in fair to poor condition, and the needs are widespread. Many people think only of the infrastructure they see, primarily the roads and bridges they drive on every day. However, infrastructure also includes things like water and sewer, water and wastewater treatment plants, and dams. The condition of the infrastructure most people don't see generally isn't any better than what they do see. What happens when the water stops running or the sewer backs up? People do not realize the useful life of nearly all of our infrastructure is 30 years or less, and much of what we have is already much older than that. Replacing aging infrastructure and building new infrastructure is critically important in terms of attracting and retaining the types of businesses we need to ensure an economically vibrant Hudson Valley, and maintain the quality of life we have all come to expect in this region.

Jim: With respect to the current state of regional infrastructure, we currently have multiple fronts

to deal with immediately: power, water supply, wastewater and transportation infrastructure. It is my belief that one doesn't have preference over the other, as all are critical to a properly functioning region with a strong economy. I echo President Obama's concerns relating to bringing the condition of our infrastructure to the level dreamt by the Founding Fathers of this country. Our infrastructure rating was recently noted to be a 'D+' whereas, our goal as a region and a nation should be to raise this rating back to an 'A.' I believe that you could take almost any location in the Hudson Valley, draw a 15-mile radius, and identify dozens of projects requiring immediate attention that have exceeded their design life. We must identify projects in need of attention and rank them, and use this as a living document to prioritize the region's needs. Once identified, we must prioritize the funding for these projects immediately, while ensuring that a long-term approach is taken to ensure that any work performed is not just a Band-Aid, but part of a strategic plan to ensure the region, and America as a whole, remains a leader. The concerning aspect of this topic is that many of these projects are in a severe state of disrepair, and as repairs and rehabilitation have been

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NY BioHud Founding Member, Regeneron Launches STEM Fellowship

At its recent Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Education Symposium, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals announced that it is collaborating with a number of key partners to launch the Hudson Valley's STEM Teaching Fellowship.

The effort, organized in conjunction with NASA, Columbia University, Teachers College and the STEM Education Leadership Center, will offer a groundbreaking professional development program to train the region's teachers to better integrate STEM learning into their classroom-based curricula.

For now, the program allows for 10 fellowships, which will give this initial pool of teachers the opportunity to spend time in science laboratories with researchers, learning to incorporate STEM into their teaching and augmenting their own graduate studies. Fellows will be engaged in three different aspects of STEM education: professional science research (conducted at Regeneron), teaching methods and graduate studies.

Regeneron has long been the Hudson Valley's leading biopharmaceutical company, using cutting-edge science to understand biology and develop life-altering drugs for the treatment of serious medical conditions. The company now looks to leverage this work to enhance STEM education across the region, and to ultimately encourage students to pursue STEM careers.

The selected fellows will join mentoring Regeneron scientists on research teams, enlist in professional development with STEM master teachers to enhance their teaching abilities and earn a nine-credit graduate certificate online in STEM education from Columbia University, in partnership with the NASA Endeavor Science Teaching Certificate Project.

To be eligible for the program, participants must have a New York State teaching license in technology or science education. The first fellowship will begin this summer and run through summer 2015.

Thought Leaders Master Series: State of the Economy on June 24

New event will feature discussion of current and future economic prospects, reveal results of new regional survey

On June 24, HVEDC will host the very first State of the Hudson Valley Economy forum at the SUNY New Paltz Student Union from 7:30 – 10 a.m.

An extension of HVEDC's popular Quarterly Economic Report (co-sponsored by global financial and professional services firm JLL), HVEDC's Thought Leaders Master Series: State of the Economy event is a unique opportunity to gain insight and hear expert commentary on the prospects for the Hudson Valley economy from a diverse panel of economic, financial, real estate and labor experts.

The State of the Economy event is a new way for HVEDC to help local businesses discover the best short- and long-term strategies for sustainable economic growth within the diverse industries of the region, possible threats to development, and the potential risks involved for all kinds of businesses.

The State of the Economy keynote speaker is nationally renowned labor expert Dr. Paul Harrington, professor and director for the Center of Labor Market and Policy (CLMP) at Drexel University. Drexel University's CLMP is an applied research, teaching and technical consulting unit that is focused on a variety of human resource development issues and their connections to the labor market. Dr. Harrington will share his thoughts on the challenges facing the U.S. labor market, while providing an in-depth analysis of the Hudson Valley labor pool and its role in accelerating growth in the region.

HVEDC will also release the findings of the organization's first Hudson Valley Business Climate Survey at the event. The new survey offers a comprehensive look at the types of businesses in the region and their needs, as well as their perceptions of both the current state of the economy and expectations for the near future. The survey is yet another way for HVEDC to further its mission of helping local businesses flourish by giving them a stronger voice in the future development of the region.



Dr. Paul Harrington

"The Hudson Valley is still the fastest growing part of New York State and offers one of America's most vibrant business environments," said HVEDC President and CEO Laurence P. Gottlieb. "Both our State of the Economy discussion and the new Hudson Valley Business Climate Survey will help keep the Hudson Valley on track for a continued, robust economic expansion."

Don't miss the State of the Economy event on June 24 at the SUNY New Paltz Student Union, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. To purchase tickets, go to www.hvedc.com.

Digital Health Forum Identifies Business Opportunities



On March 20, more than 300 scientists, researchers, academicians, technology and health care executives, government officials and business leaders from the Hudson Valley gathered for the HVEDC forum, “The Next Big Thing: Digital Health,” the first discussion of its kind in the region.

Hosted in partnership with AXON Communications at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, the forum examined the ways in which digital advancements are positively changing medical research and the health care system, as well as the business opportunities this new field is rapidly opening up. It was an extremely successful part of a series of conferences HVEDC is organizing to educate and open dialogue between regional business leaders and the people who are leading rapidly growing fields.

Talks and lectures on a variety of topics at the forum addressed the growing prevalence of digital technologies and tools in the health care field and how these resources — such as bioinformatics, data analysis in the U.S. health care system and the long-overdue implementation of electronic medical records — are improving both the medical field and the overall dynamics of the economy.

Attendees learned about valuable communication between various fields related to health care and technology. Keynote speaker Robin Raskin, founder of the organization Living in Digital Times, focused on how a multitude of digital advances are bringing opportunities for health care education to the masses. Jeff Reid, Ph.D., director of Regeneron Genetics Center’s genome informatics, spoke about the increasing value and efficiency the incorporation of electronic medical records is bringing to medical treatment, sharing the findings of his own groundbreaking research.

The forum also featured presentations by AXON Communications, Honeywell, New York Medical College, Phillips Research, Purdue Pharma, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals and Riverside Healthcare System/St. John’s Riverside Hospital, among others.

Throughout, speakers shared insights into how digital advancements are bringing immediate benefits to doctors and patients, but more importantly, are allowing innovators from a wide range of industries to contribute to medical research. The widespread availability of new technologies, such as cloud computing, sensors, online personal health portals, health-tracking apps for smartphones, bandages capable of monitoring heartbeats and movement-assisting robotics for paraplegics, gives health care practitioners and researchers the ability to engage in robust information-gathering for both the sick and healthy. The more the global public has access to these rapidly evolving tools, the more quickly health care and medicine innovations can grow — in turn presenting tremendous opportunities for the regional economy and Hudson Valley businesses.



Raskin also highlighted the fact that with the monetization of such monitoring technology, insurance providers would be able to give their clients new, more effective incentives for healthier behaviors. This would both encourage better individual health and provide another market for new digital tools and devices, including those related to self-monitoring.

It was clear that the conference helped to identify and articulate numerous opportunities through which business leaders and health care systems in the Hudson Valley could collaborate. Laurence P. Gottlieb, president and CEO of HVEDC, pronounced the conference a “tremendous success” in his summary address. “Digital health is an incredibly important topic that will drive the future of our regional economy,” he said. “As we aim to kick off a health care economic revolution in our region, HVEDC is once again the first organization to bring you the latest trends impacting the world around us.”

AXON Communication’s managing partner, Mario Nacinovich, was also wowed by the sheer amount of valuable knowledge and direction presented at the conference. “The information and insights shared at the Next Big Thing event were incredibly valuable to businesses and organizations across virtually all industries in the Hudson Valley,” he said.

Geoffrey Brackett, executive vice president of conference host Marist College, thanked HVEDC profusely for initiating this project. “This was a great opportunity for Marist College, home to New York State Cloud Computing and Analytics Center in partnership with IBM, to play a role in forecasting the future of a very important industry in our region.”

HVEDC also took the opportunity to release the first of its kind report, titled “2013 Annual Review: The State of the Life Sciences Industry in the Hudson Valley.” The report, issued in partnership with AXON Communications, provides survey data, premier articles and current statistics to track the condition of the life sciences industry across the region. It finds, promisingly, that Dutchess County was home to eight biopharmaceutical companies and nearly 800 active physicians in 2013, a count that points to a significant growth in health care jobs and opportunities in the region’s near future.

As time goes on, HVEDC will continue to host events and help businesses and organizations collaborate, prompting the growth of the health care industry throughout the region.



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Another Hudson Valley Food & Beverage Success Story



Westchester's Parchem Fine & Specialty Chemicals joins forces with area's food producers, biotech industry

Parchem Fine & Specialty Chemicals, a leading supplier of high-quality chemical raw materials to the food & beverage, plastics, industrial, pharmaceutical and specialty chemical markets, has become a founding member of the Hudson Valley Food & Beverage Alliance.

The Alliance brings organizations within the food and beverage industries together, helping area businesses forge strong partnerships, access to economic guidance and marketing resources to businesses throughout the region.

New Rochelle-based Parchem has also joined HVEDC's New York BioHud Valley as a founding member. The company has close ties to the regional food and beverage and biotech industries, providing everything from agricultural resources like green pesticides and fertilizers to food enzymes, flavoring additives and vitamins. Participation in the two economic organizations will allow Parchem to work closely with area businesses and organizations, creating a more collaborative and economically vibrant environment.

"By joining the Food & Beverage Alliance and NY BioHud Valley, we will now have access to extremely valuable business partnerships and resources," said Ephraim Rabin, CEO of Parchem. "We believe we have a lot to offer these two organizations, and we have much to gain as well. We're looking forward to contributing to the strong economic ties that are helping move our region forward."

NY BioHud Valley serves as a partner to county, state and federal governments, working to foster an environment in which businesses in the biotech and pharmaceutical industries can expand throughout the region.

"We are thrilled to welcome Parchem to the Hudson Valley Food & Beverage Alliance and NY BioHud Valley," said Laurence P. Gottlieb, president and CEO of HVEDC. "Parchem works closely with numerous businesses throughout the region and is a valued member of the local business community. Through the active participation of businesses like Parchem, the Food & Beverage Alliance and NY BioHud Valley serve as a powerful engine for regional economic growth."

NEW ART GALLERY AT PARCHEM BUILDING

In 2008, Oshi Rabin and her husband Ephraim purchased the historical J. A. Mahlstedt Lumber and Coal Company building to introduce the blend of science and art as a concept, which explores the synergies between art, science and technology.

The Mahlstedt gallery is located in a 2,000-square-foot space on the first floor in the same building as Parchem's New Rochelle headquarters at 415 Huguenot St.

Oshi Rabin, executive director, has established the gallery's vision by introducing a viral art scene that embraces all interest and forms of contemporary art. This Manhattan-style gallery is positioned as an international, commercial art center. With alliances around the globe, the private gallery will be the platform for new levels of cross-cultural exchange beyond the visual arts which include education and an eminent design center.

"We have made a commitment to position New Rochelle as a mecca to showcase artists across various spectrums," said Oshi Rabin.



Orange County Business Accelerator Receives State Incubator Certification

Accelerator to receive state aid to help startups advance their business plans

The Orange County Business Accelerator (OCBA), an HVEDC-managed institution that provides resources and guidance to help small businesses and startups in the region, has received certification from Empire State Development (ESD) as an official New York State Incubator.

OCBA is a business incubator program launched by the Orange County Industrial Development Agency that is overseen by HVEDC. The incubator – 10,000 square feet of Class A, high-tech research and development space – is designed to attract new entrepreneurial investment by providing businesses with below-market occupancy costs, mentoring programs and a "plug-and-play" office environment.

OCBA was one of just eight locations in New York to be awarded certification this year, making it one of the most promising business development organizations in the state. To qualify for certification, institutions were required to display the proven success of their operational models, as well as the future sustainability of their organization's current rate of success. Certification was only granted to those organizations that proved to be the most promising, and which aligned with the state of New York's regional development and economic goals.

"I am very proud of the Accelerator's latest achievement and its vital role in helping the entire Hudson Valley regional economy to rebound, despite slow growth in the national economy," said Brian Gates, vice president of HVEDC. "The Accelerator's Incubator status is proof that the Hudson Valley has enormous potential and that the Accelerator knows how to optimize regional resources for maximum impact, especially in the critical tech industry. They know we can't afford to lose talented people to other states."



SUNY Ulster Dedicates Space for Start-Up NY Program

SUNY Ulster has been selected as one of eight SUNY system schools to be accepted in the state's Start-Up NY program, a state-level economic development effort pairing post-secondary institutions with new and emerging businesses. The program looks to bolster the region's economy, giving students opportunities for career learning and advancement while providing much-needed tax breaks to the participating companies.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo launched Start-Up NY in October, after its approval by the state legislature last June. The program will give participating businesses (which must locate on the campuses or within a one-mile radius of their designated location) a 10-year exemption from state business, personal income and sales taxes. The main stipulation is that they must produce new jobs within the first year. In essence, businesses and universities are working together in a mutually beneficial way.

SUNY Ulster, up to capacity at its own campus, will instead use 168,000 square feet of space on the nearby TechCity center to train students. Student opportunities include internships and business assistance. In addition, SUNY Ulster President Donald Katt says he hopes that the business owners eventually working with the school will also join its advisory council to help ensure the curricula used will be contemporary, and that entrepreneurs will also serve as regular guest speakers in classroom.

The college has announced that it is particularly seeking businesses related to advertising design, computer networking, cybersecurity, environmental services, health care and manufacturing. While no specific companies have been named yet, the college has met with about a dozen candidates thus far. According to Katt, the Start-Up NY program will enhance the work of the school's Small Business Development Center, which already has relationships with a number of local companies.

The owner of the TechCity property, Alan Ginsberg, has also praised the program's potential for encouraging Hudson Valley's economic growth. The company is eager to work with both SUNY Ulster faculty and students, as well as the growing businesses that will soon call its space, "Home."

SUNY Ulster was chosen to participate in the Start-Up NY effort along with the SUNY campuses in Albany, Buffalo, Stony Brook, New Paltz and Brooklyn (Downstate), in addition to Monroe Community College in Rochester, Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, Sullivan Community College and the state-run portion of Cornell University.

Business Spotlight: CRD Analytics

CRD Analytics is a leading provider in sustainable investment analytics and innovative algorithms. Its founder and president, Michael Muyot, developed a unique set of tools that helped to create the industry for sustainable investing.

Muyot designed the SmartView® 360 Platform, which powers global Sustainability & CleanTech financial indexes and independent research; including the NASDAQ CRD Global Sustainability Index, the Sustainability Leadership Report, the SeaCrest Global Clean Energy Index and the Southeastern Corporate Sustainability Rankings.

Muyot, grew up in Dutchess County. The son of a lifelong IBM employee and a second grade Fishkill Elementary teacher, Muyot has always maintained ties to the Hudson Valley community. After going to school, starting a business and living in New York City for several years, he decided to expand his business presence and re-locate back to the Hudson Valley. It was only after a work colleague conducted extensive research and comparative study for business friendly geographies that the Hudson Valley was identified as progressive and eager to attract businesses that were creating "green jobs," especially ones in information systems. After a couple of emails and phone calls, HVEDC introduced Muyot and his team to the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) team and things started to gain momentum quickly from there.

DCEDC helped Muyot and CRD Analytics by facilitating conversations with Marist College and the heads of both the Cloud Computing & Analytics and Computer Science & Mathematics departments. This led to CRD Analytics becoming the first private company to be part of the college's Business Incubation program, which is supported by the Empire State Development Corporation and New York State.

With CRD Analytics' upstate office now located on the Marist Campus in the Hancock Center, one of the company's first collaborative projects will be to launch an online course for Sustainability Analytics Certification open to a global audience of college students and industry professionals. Over the past five years, Muyot has personally trained hundreds of students from New York University, Columbia University, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Darden, Duke, Presidio, University of Denver and Baruch College.

"I am very excited to be working with other industry leaders here at Marist. Together we can reach an exponentially bigger global audience for sustainability analytics. Being able to offer a certification program is a real game changer for our industry. When I travel and speak at events around the world or advise investors and corporate clients, I am amazed at the sheer demand for this particular discipline of knowledge," said Muyot.

For more information, visit www.crdanalytics.com or to connect with Michael, send a request via LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/michaelmuyot

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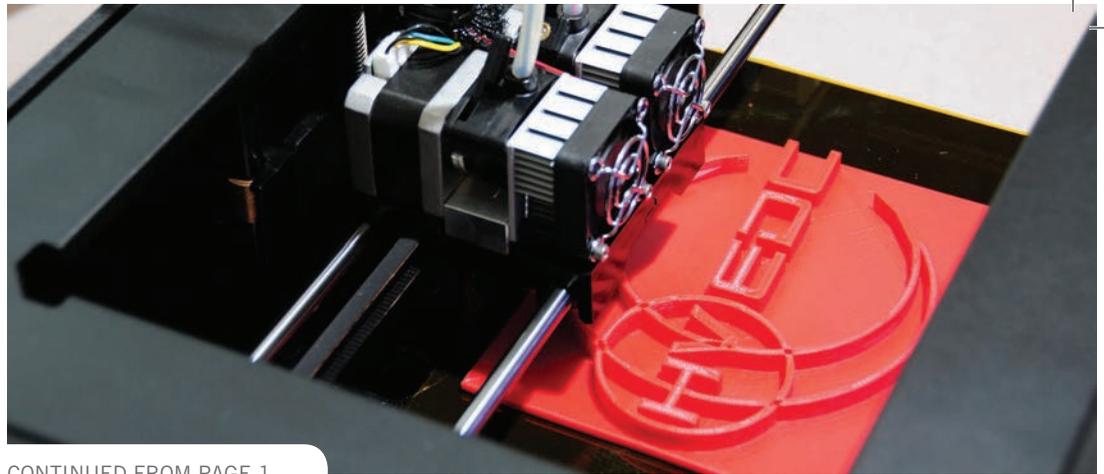
postponed due to a lack of funding, the concern regarding public safety comes up and must be addressed as well. The Hudson Valley needs to have a stronger voice regarding these concerns, and should consider partnering with groups such as the Associated General Contractors, the Construction Industry Council, the Society of Professional Engineers, Hudson Valley Patterns for Progress, Chambers of Commerce, the building trades and the many other business and community organizations in the region. It's critical that we're constantly reminding the public and our elected officials that these are pressing needs that must be dealt with.

What do you like about HVEDC and what is its importance to the region?

Mark: HVEDC has changed the face of economic development in the Hudson Valley. HVEDC has set itself apart by taking a regional, rather than a local approach, by focusing intently on measurable results as opposed to merely activity. In recent years, HVEDC has introduced several important cluster development initiatives, including New York BioHud Valley, the Hudson Valley Food and Beverage Alliance and Hudson Valley 3D Printing, which have been tremendous successes with tangible results. Larry Gottlieb and his team do an incredible job, and HVEDC often doesn't get the credit for all it has done. Chazen has been very active in HVEDC for several years, and we are proud to be associated with an organization that has had such a tremendous positive impact on the Hudson Valley.

Jim: HVEDC leaves no rock unturned when it comes to attracting and retaining business to the Hudson Valley. The organization works exceptionally well with the economic development groups from each county, and ensures that the Hudson Valley is doing its best to attract and retain businesses. What I appreciate about HVEDC is that there's only one boundary, and that is the border of the Hudson Valley. I feel that they truly have the region's interests first. Their track record speaks for itself – over the past several years we've seen the development and growth of numerous HVEDC cluster initiatives. All of these have proven to be successful at drawing attention to these niche industries in the region, and have helped to draw in new firms to the Hudson Valley and retain those already here.

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After the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Pettis addressed more than 300 students and faculty members during a rousing afternoon lecture. Among the other keen insights he offered throughout his nearly two-hour session, Pettis noted, "having a center in a place of business or university can change the new product iteration and innovation cycle." A former educator himself, the 3D printing guru told the enthusiastic crowd, "Schools can train future innovators and be ahead of the curve when it comes to preparing students for the real world ... the Center is an incredible opportunity for those using it to unleash the power of innovation and change the world."

By bringing academia closer to innovative business leaders, SUNY New Paltz's exciting partnership with MakerBot – a global industry leader – exemplifies economic development at its best. That is why 3D printing is evolving into a major catalyst for innovation and workforce opportunity in the region, and creating a new economic engine that will drive business growth in the Hudson Valley and New York State for years to come.

Since the May 2013 launch of HVEDC's latest cluster initiative, Hudson Valley 3D Printing (HV3D), the region has warmly embraced this exciting technology and its potential to transform a wide variety of businesses. With critical financial support from Central Hudson Gas & Electric, Hudson River Ventures and New York State, the new Hudson Valley Advanced Manufacturing Center at SUNY New Paltz (home to the MakerBot Innovation Center) was

created, combining state-of-the-art 3D printing equipment with the campus' academic expertise in the fine arts, sciences and engineering.

Out of this unique initiative, SUNY New Paltz launched a first-of-its-kind curriculum in Digital Design and Fabrication (DDF), which is preparing students for high-tech careers, and provides regional entrepreneurs with opportunities to learn how to adopt this technology for their own business needs. In the fall of 2014, SUNY New Paltz will take another significant academic leap forward, becoming one of the first colleges in the country to offer a DDF minor.

HV3D has become the ultimate economic development tool, bringing together a community of industry experts, private and public investors, academics and entrepreneurs to maximize the benefits of this technology for deployment throughout the entire Hudson Valley. Together, we have started something spectacular, and as HV3D grows, the lesson learned remains that change requires a group of dedicated individuals to buck the status quo in order to bring innovation and excitement back to the Hudson Valley economy. Simply put, you have to print your own future.

To learn more about HV3D, visit www.hudsonvalley3dprinting.com

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