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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR CNY BUSINESSES TO EXPLORE ASEAN MARKETS

CenterState CEO is offering a unique opportunity to Central New York businesses interested in exploring growth opportunities and increased sales in one of the fastest growing markets in the world: the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), consisting of Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Indonesia, the Philippines and Brunei.

The ASEAN has a market of \$2.6 trillion annually, with a strong record of economic growth, 4.8 percent, in 2016-2017. A population of 622 million people and a stable labor market, domestic demand, wage growth and strong private consumption will remain major growth drivers in the region. Public spending, particularly on infrastructure projects, provides additional fiscal stimulus.

Through its participation in the U.S. Department of Commerce's Market Development Cooperator Program (MDCP), with technical assistance from the CNY International Business Alliance (CNYIBA), and support from National Grid and New York State's Global NY program, CenterState CEO can



offer businesses interested in generating sales in this part of the world grant funding to travel to the region, pay for trade show fees and booth rentals, or produce

marketing materials. Additionally, the CNYIBA can support companies with technical support such as finding distributors or customers in the region, and resolving trade financing or regulatory issues.

Five of the ASEAN nations (Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia), present particular opportunity to Central New York businesses as they are among the top 30 trading partners of the United States, with Singapore acting as key gateway to the ASEAN. Singapore has been ranked No. 1 by the World

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Ryan Novak

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

CenterState CEO Seeks to Inform Changes to NYS MWBE Policy

The New York State Division of Minority and Women's
Business Development (DMWBD) recently released
its 2016 Disparity Study, introducing policy
recommendations to improve the existing program
by increasing participation of Minority and
Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE)
on state contracts and assisting the state in
building a stronger MWBE program. The
benefits to New York state are to identify best

practices, increase the number of bidders on state contracts and lower the state's procurement costs.



The study looked at construction and construction and nonconstruction related services and

commodities based on input from 17 meetings attended by more than 1,000 individuals. Recommendations include new steps to standardize and streamline the application process, increase staffing resources and training, amend the waiver process, track utilization and provide more outreach and technical training, along with remedies for certain barriers and biases emanating from the "Preferred Source Offerings," and longer term contracts. The

complete study and FAQs can be found at: https://esd.ny.gov/doing-business-ny/mwbe/mwbe-reports.

CenterState CEO's interest in this effort is twofold: 1) Help member businesses who contract with and receive grants from New York state to meet the 30 percent state MWBE participation requirement.

2) Improve the process for existing MWBEs and grow the ranks of MWBEs in the CenterState NY region.

CenterState CEO seeks to identify more MWBEs to be certified to fill currently vacant categories, and in partnership with the Upstate Minority Economic Alliance, will develop a comprehensive policy position and recommendations. CEO will obtain reaction to the recommendations and input through a series of three roundtable discussions, one each for women-owned businesses; minority-owned business; and contractors and grant recipients. The input from these meetings will be compiled into a position paper to be shared with DMWBE and state representatives.

To participate in meetings or provide input to CenterState CEO, contact Deb Warner, vice president for public policy and government relations, at 315-470-1845 or dwarner@centerstateceo.com.

CONCEPT TO COMMERCIALIZATION BOOT CAMP FEATURES EXPERT PRESENTERS

The CNY Biotechnology Accelerator is offering medical device "Concept to Commercialization" workshops this fall. Topics of interest – including design and development, legal and startup planning, sources of financial support for new ventures, and data and resources – are directed toward medical device manufacturers and entrepreneurial businesses of all types.

The next workshop sessions will be held September 14 to 15, and October 12 to 13 at the CNY Biotechnology Accelerator's Upstate MIND center. Registration is \$100 per workshop. For more information and registration visit www.upstatefoundation.org/CNYBIOTECH.

Sponsors for the program include the CNY Biotech Accelerator, Empire State Development, the NYS Science + Technology Law Center and High Tech Rochester.



SUNY Upstate Medical University's Dr. Robert Corona addresses participants at a Concept to Commercialization Boot Camp workshop.

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Bank for ease of doing business since 2003. As a result, the U.S. has a favorable balance of trade with Singapore, with U.S. exports to Singapore totaling \$28.7 billion in 2015, and Singapore selling \$18.2 billion of goods and services to the United States.

Additional advantages to U.S. firms doing business in Singapore include:

- · Major distribution and logistics hub
- Lack of corruption
- · Favorable tax codes
- Strong intellectual property protection
- English-speaking population

Several CenterState CEO members that have traveled to the ASEAN with support from CenterState CEO and the MDCP program have seen impressive results, including finding distributers and gaining new global sales and customers.

Businesses interested in these opportunities should contact

Explore the ASEAN at the Singapore Airshow

The Singapore Airshow, the largest defense and aerospace exhibition in Asia, will take place February 6 to 11, 2018 at the Changi Exhibition Center in Singapore.



The Airshow provides multiple opportunities to Central New York businesses to make contact with potential new customers, including a trade program offering pre-scheduled meetings, a hosted buyers program to facilitate procurement matching, technology seminars, business forums and a leadership summit.

Funds are available through CenterState CEO's MDCP program to pay for travel, hotel, marketing and booth expenses. Contact Dave Mankiewicz, 315-470-1942, or Steven King, 315-4701925, to learn more.

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MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM IS SEPTEMBER 26 - MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!

Space is limited for the CenterState CEO Syracuse Mayoral Candidate Forum at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The event takes place 3 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 26, including a networking reception sponsored by the Columbian Financial Group. The city of Syracuse is the veritable heart of the region. The next mayor faces historic challenges and opportunities that



will directly impact not only city residents and businesses, but also the entire region, particularly in the areas of infrastructure (I-81 and more), economic development, economic inclusion, poverty,

education and government modernization.

Don't miss this unique format featuring all candidates on the ballot for mayor of the city of Syracuse. Each candidate will have at least 30 minutes alone with attendees to share in-depth and candid responses on key topics preselected by CenterState CEO members. There will be time for additional questions and networking at the conclusion of the event.

This members-only event is \$30 per person. Register at www.centerstateceo.com/news-events/mayoral-candidate-forum before Wednesday, September 20.





MEET THE CANDIDATES RECEPTION, OCTOBER 18

Syracuse Tomorrow's Annual Meet the Candidates Reception is Wednesday, October 18. It returns from 5 to 7 p.m., Upstairs at Dinosaur Bar-B-Que. This fundraiser for the CenterState CEO's political action committee is an informal meet and greet for this year's class of state and local candidates, including the Onondaga County Legislature, Mayor of the City of Syracuse, Syracuse Common Council and countywide town supervisors. Current office holders are also invited.

Advance registration is required at https://goo.gl/CB7KWT.

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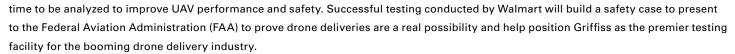
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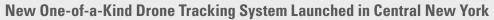
The Oneida County Legislature recently approved two resolutions that will allow the retail giant Walmart to rent and conduct unmanned aircraft system (UAS) research and perform tests for drone package delivery at Griffiss International Airport in Rome, NY. Walmart will pay more than \$1.6 million to rent a 28,000-square-foot hanger at Griffiss.

Drone test flights are scheduled to start immediately and will consist of flying an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) from one location on the Griffiss airfield to another, 12 days a month and six hours per day. The technology installed at Griffiss allows

for the UAV to be tracked at all times and to collect data in real- A drone practicing package delivery.



CenterState CEO and the NUAIR Alliance work to advance UAS-related economic development opportunities for the region, actively pursuing business attraction leads to bring firms and jobs to the region. The New York UAS Test Site is managed by NUAIR, a New York-based non-profit coalition of more than 150 private and public entities and academic institutions working together to operate and oversee UAS test ranges in New York, Massachusetts and Michigan. Whether it's measuring a drone's suitability for a safe flight (airworthiness), testing platforms and payloads, or helping research and development of UAS by working with NASA and the FAA, NUAIR and its partners have the resources to meet any customer requests. Needs range from small to large operations with different drone applications. Some needing access to airspace and facilities, like Walmart, or others needing trained pilots to test its product. For more information on unmanned testing capabilities, visit www.nuairalliance.org.



Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that Gryphon Sensors, a SRC Inc. company, has developed a state-of-the-art mobile Unmanned Traffic Management system called Mobile Skylight.

Mobile Skylight sets a new standard in drone security and UAS traffic management. Featuring an array of self-contained multispectral sensors, the system provides accurate, three-dimensional detection of low-flying, small UAS out to 10 kilometers. Contained in a sleek van, Mobile Skylight is a complete mobile command center featuring 4x4 off-road capability and can be taken anywhere without a commercial driver's license. It's designed for rapid deployment of a wide range of applications including stadium, special event security, first responder and search and rescue operations, infrastructure and utility inspection.

The Mobile Skylight is part of the CNY Rising initiative, Project USAFE.



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WORK TRAIN LAUNCHES MANUFACTURING CAREER READINESS PROGRAM

"ProTrain" (short for "Production Training"), a six-week manufacturing career-training program, recently graduated its first cohort of 10 students with a 90 percent placement rate. The program, delivered through the SUNY Educational Opportunity Center in downtown Syracuse, prepares graduates for entry-level employment and provides additional foundational skills needed to advance up the career ladder in industries across the manufacturing sector.

ProTrain is the most recent job training program developed by Work Train, a community workforce initiative, led by CenterState CEO. Working together with manufacturing employers and community partners, ProTrain was designed to help meet the employment needs of local manufacturers and provide person-centered training to members of the local community with an aptitude for a career in manufacturing. A new "Workforce Car Buyer program" is one of the many unique features of the program. Piloted with Syracuse Cooperative Federal Credit Union, the program enabled three newly hired graduates to purchase vehicles needed to get to work.

ProTrain employer partners play a critical role in the success of the program. They assist in program development, provide tours of their facilities, contribute to the continuous improvement of the program, as well as provide potential placement opportunities for ProTrain graduates.

Community partners are also integral in recruitment, in both the delivery of supports and employment preparation services. After job placement, employed graduates continue to receive access to



ProTrain students and their instructors celebrate the program's inaugural graduation.

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additional programming such as the Workforce Car Buyer program and ongoing career coaching through On Point for Jobs.

The ProTrain program is also made possible through the support of NYS Assemblyman Al Stirne. To learn more about the program is also made possible through the support of NYS Assemblyman Al Stirne.

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BSNY INTRODUCES NEW IDENTITY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION BENEFIT

CenterState CEO is proud to announce the launch of a new identity protection benefit from Benefit Solutions of NY (BSNY) and InfoArmor. The partnership offers identity, financial and privacy protection against the \$16 billion crime identity theft inflicted on more than 15.4 Americans last year.

InfoArmor's industry-leading technology detects fraud at the source (when thieves first use your information to apply for accounts) to catch misuse sooner and minimize damages. Enrollment in PrivacyArmor® will protect individuals and families from the devastation of identity theft. In addition



to identity and tri-bureau credit monitoring, it also includes other tools to help protect one's identity, such as social media reputation monitoring. SocialArmor® protects against cyberbullying and reputational damage across Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram profiles. Other tools are available to view identity alerts, reduce unwanted solicitations and verify account information.

In the increasingly digital world, the risk of identity theft is real. It is more important than ever to proactively monitor for misuse of identity information. Without the proper protection the results of I.D. theft can devastate victims both financially and emotionally. Identity criminals can empty accounts, ruin credit, put people in debt, create legal trouble and much more. Prevention and early detection are the best ways to ensure protection.

Enjoy the peace of mind that comes with being safeguarded from identity crime. Contact BSNY at 315-470-1930 or visit www. businesssolutionsny.com for more information.

Does your small business have the next big idea for a health & wellness community project?

Enter your idea to win \$10,000 to fund your company's community project.



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- 1. Submit your idea in 300 words or less (ideas must involve a nonprofit organization)
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- Mid-October Top 5 finalists announced
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Submissions must be received by Wednesday, September 20, 2017 For more information, contact: Karen DeJoseph at 315-470-1997 or kdejoseph@centerstateceo.com

CenterState CEO's 2017

ECONOMIC CHAMPIONS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

11:30 Registration | 12:00 to 1:30 Luncheon & Program
Nicholas J. Pirro Convention Center at Oncenter
800 S. State St., Syracuse

Register by October 4, 2017: www.centerstateceo.com/events

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New York state is leading the way in the unmanned aerial systems (UAS) sector with industry-defining investments and a commitment to help grow companies in this sector. The GENIUS NY competition, through funding from New York state, awards \$1 million to the company selected as the winner of this two phase, inresidence accelerator program.



Phase One: Six teams receive a monthly stipend (\$10,000 each) and a housing subsidy to participate in the three-month accelerator. The first phase concludes with a business pitch and prizes of \$2.75 million: First - up to \$1,000,000; Second - up to \$600,000; Third - up to \$400,000; Fourth through sixth - \$250,000 each.

Phase Two: All six teams automatically enter the second phase of the accelerator for another nine months, culminating with an Investor Demo Day in front of investors and judges.

Applications are accepted until October 1. Learn more and apply at www.geniusny.com.

Speaker Heastie Visits Growing Technology Companies in Syracuse

NYS Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie kicked off his 2017 statewide tour with Assemblyman Al Stirpe by visiting local entrepreneurs and GENIUS NY teams at The Tech Garden. The visit provided a look at growing industries developing in the Central New York area, including new UAS focused companies.

Ascent AeroSystems showcased its Sprite drones currently being manufactured in Central New York. Their uniquely cylindrical shaped drones are designed to be portable, rugged and powerful tools.

Sasi Prabhakaran, CEO and founder at Akrobotix, shared a demo of his team's custom-built drone, equipped with real-time Simultaneous Localization and Mapping. The unmanned vehicle is capable of mapping its environment while simultaneously approximating its own position on the map. Based on this data, the drone can navigate through any space without GPS-indoors or outdoors.

The visit concluded with GENIUS NY grand prize winner AutoModality performing a real time building inspection demonstration outside Gryphon Sensors. Aviation Director Jimmy Halliday prepared the launch of their customized DJI M100 drone. AutoModality utilizes Photogrammetry 3D modeling and sensor packages to teach drones to fly automatically in GPS denied



Pictured with Speaker Heastie (far right) are from left: Sasi Viswanatnatnan, CEO, Akrobotix; Krishna Chandra Joshi, intern, Akrobotix; Robert Simpson, president, CenterState CEO; and Assemblyman Al Stirpe.

locations such as bridges and warehouses. The team's technology is focused on inspecting underneath bridges, improving safety, speed and accuracy.

GENIUS NY, a business accelerator program located in The Tech Garden, is administered by CenterState CEO and is funded through a \$5 million grant from New York State's Empire State Development.

Newest Virtual Member Builds Smartphone Microscopes

The Tech Garden welcomes Kenji Yoshino, the inventor of The Smartphone Microscope. In 2013, Yoshino released a DIY smartphone microscope tutorial on YouTube that went viral with more than 2.5 million viewers.

The Smartphone Microscope extends fundamental scientific observation beyond the laboratory to the palm of your hand, offering anyone with a smart device the ability to peek into the microscopic world with an affordable, easy-to-use microscope.

The Smartphone Microscope is dedicated to democratizing science by creating products that inspire learning through exploration and are being used in classrooms around the world.

Watch the video at https://youtu.be/KpMTkr_aiYU.



SkyOp Offers Course in How to Fly Drones

SkyOp—a 2017 GENIUS NY winner—recently held an 18-hour drone pilot training for the growing unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) industry. Attendees learned how to fly visually and systematically; about Federal Aviation Administration rules and regulations needed to get certified for commercial use; and about the technology's vast potential.

Brian Pitre, co-founder of SkyOp, knows hundreds of uses for both fixed-wing UAS that look like small airplanes and quad-copter designs. Farmers can gauge crop watering and fertilizing and decide when to harvest more efficiently than walking the fields. Drones can also be used in real estate and construction to survey a building site before excavating it within one centimeter of ground levels. To learn more, visit www.skyop.com.



Kara Alheim, CenterState CEO, learns how to fly a drone at The Tech Garden.

TECH MEETS TASTE SHOWCASES LOCAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

CenterState CEO and Up Start—CEO's collaborative business development program—recently hosted Tech Meets Taste. More than 150 people attended the festivities on The Tech Garden patio, which featured young, tech companies and independent local business owners, including businesses from the Upstate Minority Economic Alliance.

The more than 30 vendors offered samples of global delicacies and local services ranging from energy solutions and digital marketing services, to fresh roasted gourmet coffee and farm winery tastings. Entertainment was provided by K-Mase Productions.

Congratulations to Ben Robbins of S.S.P. Manufacturing (Selflock Screw Products), winner of the 50/50 raffle.



Shankevia Dean, owner of Kevi's Treats shares one of her samples.



Accendeds enjoy sampling local products, networking and entertainment, including the Crowne Plaza Syracuse's spread.



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Full Harvest at the Downtown Farmers Market

As the temperatures dip and the leaves begin to change, the Downtown Farmers Market will be in full harvest season. Fresh produce, locally grown fruits and vegetables, plants and flowers, baked goods, eggs and more are available for purchase! The Downtown Farmers Market continues every Tuesday, rain or shine, through October 10. As many as 50 of the region's best farmers converge upon Clinton Square 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday during market season.



Things to Do at the Downtown Farmers Market

- 1. The Food Bank of Central New York presents live cooking demonstrations 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., showing visitors how to prepare their fresh market purchases. Attendees receive \$4 in Market Bucks, redeemable at participating produce dealers and vendors, as well as a useful kitchen tool. The Food Bank of CNY's cooking demonstrations conclude later this month.
- Visitors are encouraged to collect recipe cards from the Onondaga County Public Library, featuring fresh fruit, vegetables and other ingredients that can be purchased at the market.
- 3. Every week, one of the participating farmers or produce dealers donates an item (or several items) for the Downtown Committee's free drawing. Market visitors may enter the weekly drawing at the Downtown Farmers Market Information Booth to receive awesome prizes.



A visitor makes a purchase at the Downtown Farmers Market.

To receive weekly updates about what's happening at the Downtown Farmers Market, send an email to mail@downtownsyracuse.com.

Syracuse Style: Thursday, September 14

On Thursday, September 14, Walton Street will be transformed into an 80-foot runway for the seventh annual presentation of Syracuse Style – a showcase of the hippest fall trends in men, women and children styles and accessories. The Downtown Committee partners with Syracuse Fashion Week to organize the event, which features fashions from many downtown retailers.



Meanwhile, downtown salons provide hair styling for the models as well. Last year's event drew 1,500 attendees! The show begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free to attend. VIP seats are available for purchase at www. DowntownSyracuse.com/SyracuseStyle.



Good Morning Downtown Syracuse Progress Breakfast Spotlights Downtown as a Destination

In October, attendees will learn about three exciting elements that are driving people to downtown Syracuse. More details and ticket information are at www. DowntownSyracuse.com/ProgressBreakfast.







World Canals Conference

2017 marks the 200th anniversary of the year construction began on New York's storied Erie Canal. During the 19th century, the canal ran through downtown Syracuse. Individuals dedicated to preserving the waterway's legacy created a canal museum in the heart of Syracuse and saved a unique building destined for the wrecking ball.

Syracuse, which is home to the only remaining weighlock building in America, will host the 2017 World Canals Conference (WCC) September 24 to 28.

The Weighlock Building on Erie Boulevard, the site of the 19th century canal, was built in 1850 by New York state to collect tolls from boat operators. In 1956, the Canal Society of New York state sponsored legislation to give the building to the department of education. In a surprise move, the governor vetoed the legislation, saying a highway might claim the structure.

Concerned citizens mounted a lobbying effort to save both buildings. Their efforts persuaded the Board of Supervisors to accept the Weighlock Building on behalf of Onondaga County. The agreement required that the property be used for a "public canal museum." After significant renovations, the museum opened its doors on October 25, 1962. It was the first museum in the state dedicated to the Erie Canal.

From day one, the Erie Canal Museum celebrated and preserved the only remaining weighlock building in America. This historic structure stands as a monument to the manmade waterway's transformative role in U.S. history, and is the museum's most important artifact. Visit the museum and Weighlock Building, located at 318 Erie Blvd. E. It's open seven days a week, and admission is free with a suggested \$5 donation. For more information visit: www.eriecanalmuseum. org; email: contactus@eriecanalmuseum.org; or phone: 315-471-0593.

World Canals Conference Public Kick Off Event

September 24 1 to 6 p.m.

Syracuse Inner Harbor, Creekwalk and Downtown Museums

Open to the public and conference attendees. Come one and all to enjoy a day of fun, learning, entertainment, and merriment on the water. For information on WCC events that are open to the public as well as other Erie Canal related events in Central New York, visit: www. VisitSyracuse.com/events and enter the word Canal.









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Anaren, Inc.

As a successful Upstate New York manufacturer and employer of about 1,100 people, Anaren, Inc., continues to advance its engineering expertise and manufacturing processes that improve performance and cost for its customers. During the past year, Anaren has increased its employee base by 10 percent, in response to recent contract awards. These include support of the Long Range Discrimination Radar (LRDR) system and RF beamforming assemblies supporting the U.S. Navy's new AN/SPY-6(V) Air and Missile Defense Radar (AMDR). Anaren is considered a strategic partner by leading defense electronics OEMs and most recently received the Premier Supplier Excellence Award for Technical Innovation from Raytheon.

Formed in 1967, Anaren's corporate offices and upstate manufacturing facilities are located in East Syracuse with additional manufacturing facilities located in Salem, NH; Littleton, CO; and Suzhou, China. With varied manufacturing specialties among facilities, collaboration is encouraged and enhanced through vertical integration.

Anaren has aggressively given back to the Syracuse area through a variety of donations and community outreach by employees. Most recently, Anaren employees participated in Anaren®
What'll we think of next?®



Anaren's management team: from left are Larry A. Sala, president and chief executive officer; Diane E. Moore, vice president of human resources; Mark P. Burdick, president, wireless group; David E. Kopf, president, space and defense group; Conrad R. Gagnon (sitting) senior vice president, chief financial officer; and Jeffrey F. Liebl, president, Internet of Things.

Community Services Day, where for 20 years, a majority of Anaren employees have given their time and energy to more than 20 local nonprofit organizations in a variety of ways. Service includes cleaning, raking and building to creating, writing and packaging for these organizations.

Anaren celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2017 as a leading global designer and manufacturer of high-frequency RF microwave components and looks forward to the next 50 years as a leading local manufacturer, employer and community supporter.

This feature of CEO Essentials spotlights local companies who are "Economic Champions" because of their success in adding jobs, expanding their products or services, gaining national recognition or contributing to the success of the region in special ways.

MEMBER MILESTONES

CenterState CEO would like to thank the following members for reaching membership renewal milestones in July and August and for supporting CenterState CEO for many years to enrich and improve the business community.

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CENTERSTATE CEO ANNUAL CLAMBAKE RAISES MONEY FOR CHARITY

More than 650 CenterState CEO members enjoyed great food, music and fun at CEO's annual clambake at Hinerwadel's Grove in North Syracuse. This summer tradition is a great opportunity for members to enjoy a fun night with their colleagues and CenterState CEO leadership and staff.

An evening highlight was the dunk tank sponsored by CH Insurance to benefit six local charities. Joe Convertino, Jr., president, CH Insurance, got dunked 24 times in 25 minutes! He raised \$243, which CH Insurance matched. Jeff Knauss of the Digital Hyve raised enough money for 840 meals through the CNY Food Bank.

Special thanks to participants:

Andrew Fish, CenterState CEO Jason Smorol, Syracuse Chiefs Jeff Knauss, The Digital Hyve Joe Convertino Jr., CH Insurance Lauren Kochian, The MOST Katie Reed, Empire Brewing

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Jason Smorol, Syracuse Chiefs, heckles the crowd at the dunk tank, sponsored by CH Insurance.

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Attendees enjoy networking at the CEO's Annual Clambake, sponsored by Tompkins Trust Company.



Wally Dengas (center), National Grid, comes away with a fistful of cash from the money booth, sponsored by AXA Advisors.



Ben Conger (center), M&T Bank, connects with fellow CEO members.

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Berkshire Bank awards \$20,000 in capacity building grants. Berkshire Bank employees donate more than 6,000 hours of community service. **Berkshire Bank** awards \$5,000 grant to Mohawk Valley Community **College** Foundation for Young Entrepreneurs Academy.

National Science Foundation awards Mohawk Valley Community College \$3 million grant for College Math Corps. Mohawk Valley Community College offers accelerated Business Management and Criminal Justice degree programs.

G&C Food Distributors completes first phase of \$18 million expansion project.

Everson Museum of Art to receive \$150,000 Central New York Community Foundation grant to prevent water damage.



Lyft begins operations at Hancock International Airport.

Wegmans named one of top places to work for millennials. Wegmans starts serving beer, wine; opens Burger Bar. Wegmans to start home delivery in Syracuse area

Chobani launches new product called Smooth, a blended, low-fat, American style yogurt.



Maguire Family of Dealerships proposes five-story "iconic" car tower near Syracuse highway.

Oneida Nation to open liquor "superstore" next to Yellow Brick Casino.

Rebecca Newman replaces Housing Visions' CEO Kenyon Craig after 27 years; fixes up homes in 15 cities.

Christopher Community, Centers at St. Camillus begin construction on \$12.6 million Harborbrook Apartments in Geddes.

Crouse Health completes first phase of \$38 million emergency department project. Crouse Health gets \$16.3 million grant to expand drug treatment program. Crouse Health begins using Watchman cardiovascular device to treat Afib patients.

NSF awards **Syracuse University** \$4 million to recruit "underrepresented" STEM students. Syracuse University awarded NSF grant to study workers in Gig Economy. Small Business Administration awards Syracuse University's IVMF \$1.5 million for veteranentrepreneur training.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo joins government officials for the opening of Tessy Plastics' new facility in Van Buren.



Terakeet named one of top companies to work for in New York

AmeriCU partners with Stewart's Shops to offer more fee-free ATM access to members.

Budweiser Clydesdales at Anheuser-Busch's Baldwinsville brewery



Heuber-Breuer Construction serves as general contractor for ongoing 505 on Walnut luxury student apartment complex.

Alicia Barton named NYSERDA's new leader.

Oswego Health opens new physical therapy office in Oswego.

Byrne Dairy joins New York State Grown & Certified program.

Harris Beach names Christopher Jagel as new CEO.

FAA awards Syracuse, Oswego and Cortland airports federal grants for improvements.

KeyBank Foundation makes historic \$24 million, four-

year commitment to JumpStart. **KeyBank** is acquiring Cain Brothers investment bank.

Lockheed Martin Owego wins \$158 million contract to upgrade planes.

St. Joseph's Health adds operating room and opens electrophysiology lab.

Annese Associates acquired by IT services firm ConvergeOne.

Upstate Medical University makes Most Wired hospitals list for 2017. Seven startups selected for Medical Device Innovation Challenge, sponsored by Upstate MIND and Central New York Biotech Accelerator at Upstate Medical University.

Mohawk Valley Community College adds online degree program in Health Information Technology.

Gryphon Sensors develops a one-of-a-kind drone tracking system.

Cayuga Community College offers new online Event & Tourism Management Degree program.

SUNY Cortland rated national "Best Value" college. SUNY Cortland implements energy saving measures at Old Main. SUNY Cortland partners with Naval Research

Digital Hyve selected for Google Partners Elevator

Anaren, Inc. receives Premier Supplier Excellence Award from Raytheon.

Army adds \$11 million to contract with SRC of Cicero to battle low-flying drones.

Wegmans, ADP, SRC and Ernst & Young all rated in the 25 best workplaces in New York.

EAR Q, a Syracuse-based company, joins the Chicago Bears to help students in need.

IV4 recognized as top 200 Microsoft Solution Provider of 2017.

Novelty gift shop Boxlunch brings its pop culture apparel and merchandise to **Destiny USA**: Windsor also opens. Pole Position Raceway at Destiny USA to rebrand itself as RPM Raceway.

A new 39,000-square-foot facility for corporate, charter and private aircraft is under construction at Syracuse Hancock International Airport. Project by Freeman Holdings and Hueber-Breuer Construction Co.



Hancock Estabrook launches student loan repayment program.

Harrison Bakery featured in O, The Oprah Magazine.

Brownell Center rebranded as Liberty Resources **Integrated Health Care**



CENTERSTATE CEO MEMBER DISCOUNTS

One of the benefits of CenterState CEO membership is being listed on the CenterState CEO website at www.centerstateceo.com. Your company can gain additional exposure by offering discounts and incentives to fellow CenterState CEO members. **New this month**:

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Computer Outlet North, Inc. celebrates its new expanded location at 21 Water St. in Baldwinsville.



CenterState CEO Ambassadors recognize new business, **TemperaturePro of Syracuse**, located at 300 Gateway Drive North in North Syracuse.

Anniversaries

The Guest House, 722 W. Manlius St., East Syracuse, 1st Hillside Work Scholarship Connection, 704 Salt Springs Road, Syracuse, 10th

Research & Marketing Strategies, Inc. (RMS), 15 E. Genesee St. in Baldwinsville, 15th

Liverpool Art Center, 101 Lake Drive, Liverpool, 15th CNY Fertility Center, 195 Intrepid Lane, Syracuse, 20th The Hearth, 138 Old Liverpool Road, Liverpool, 25th SRC, Inc., 7502 Round Pond Road, North Syracuse, 60th

Grand Openings

Drive Research, 1 Steeplechase Lane, Baldwinsville

Hampton Inn & Suites - Syracuse North/Airport Area, 1305

Buckley Road, North Syracuse

Caps and Wraps Beauty Supply, 3410 Burnet Ave., Syracuse

Relocations / Expansions

Candlewood Suites, 6550 Baptist Way, East Syracuse

ACR Health, 990 James St., Syracuse

Barado's On The Water, 57 Bradberry Road, Central Square

Vera House, 723 James St., Syracuse

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Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

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at www.centerstateceo.com/

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Business After Hours at the Jefferson Clinton Hotel, September 13

416 South Clinton St., Syracuse

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7 Habits of 7 Highly Successful People, September 15

7:30 a.m. Registration; 8 to 10 a.m. Program

Rosamond Gifford Zoo, One Conservation Place, Syracuse

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from seven of the region's most influential executives and community leaders—see cover for speakers. Each will share seven lessons they have learned and used throughout their careers. Through wisdom, expertise and candor, take away 49 principle-centered approaches to be more effective in your personal and professional life.



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Disney's Approach to Leadership Excellence, September 20 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Holiday Inn Syracuse/Airport, 441 Electronics Pkwy., Liverpool

Disney Institute allows area professionals to identify the personal and organizational values that drive them as a leader to carry out their organization's vision and their role in operationalizing culture-building and team support.



Cost \$329 for members; \$349 for non-members. Contact Lisa Metot at 315-470-1870 or Imetot@centerstateceo.com.

Mayoral Candidate Forum, September 26

3 to 6 p.m.

Crown Plaza Syracuse, 701 E. Genesee St., Syracuse

Hear firsthand each mayoral candidate's strategy for issues that are top concerns for the future of the city of Syracuse and its role in the regional economy. See page 3 for details.

Cost: \$30 for CenterState CEO members, includes a networking reception. Contact Deb Warner at 315-470-1945 or dwarner@centerstateceo.com.

Export Financing and Foreign Exchange, September 27

8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Syracuse Center of Excellence, 727 E. Washington St., Syracuse

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Understanding the Risks of Cybersecurity for Your Business, Featuring Congressman John Katko, September 29

8:30 to 10 a.m.

Embassy Suites Syracuse, 6646 Old Collamer Road South, East Syracuse

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Business After Hours and Member Showcase at Movie Tavern, October 3 5 to 7 p.m.

180 Township Blvd., Camillus

Network and mingle with members at Movie Tavern. All attendees will have the chance to win two tickets on Delta Air Lines. Appetizers and one beverage ticket will be provided. For information on displaying your business at this event, contact Beth Savicki at 315-470-1833 or bsavicki@centerstateceo.com.

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Speed Networking, October 18

Registration at 7:30 a.m.; Program is 8 to 10 a.m.

TERACAI, 217 Lawrence Road East, North Syracuse

Bring your business cards and be prepared to engage in small group dialogue while building relationships with CenterState CEO members. There is time for informal networking and sharing your one- to two-minute "pitch." Space is limited. Please preregister. Breakfast provided by Peppino's Catering.



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Meet the Candidates Reception, October 18

5 to 7 p.m.

Upstairs at the Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, 246 W. Willow St., Syracuse

This annual fundraiser for CenterState CEO's political action committee is an informal way to meet this year's class of state and local candidates, including the Onondaga County Legislature, Mayor of the City of Syracuse, Syracuse Common Council and countywide town supervisors. Current office holders are also invited.



Cost: \$25 for members; \$40 for non-members. Organizations that are a 501(c)3 may attend as guest of CenterState CEO. Parking is free in the lot across from the restaurant starting at 5 p.m.

The Hidden Costs of Turnover: Why Talent Retention is Critical to Profitability,

November 8

8:30 to 10 a.m.

ONEGROUP, 706 N. Clinton St., Syracuse

While not a line item in the annual budget, cost of turnover has a huge impact on a company's profitability. Losing a valuable employee can cost an organization anywhere from one to three times their annual salary! We will look at the direct and indirect costs associated with employee turnover and explore some ways in which turnover can be reduced. Presented by Logic Page Managery 1, 25th findows



which turnover can be reduced. Presented by Leslie Rose McDonald, Pathfinders CTS, Inc. Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for nonmembers. Contact: Karen DeJoseph, 315-470-1997 or kdejoseph@centerstateceo.

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Speed Networking with the Greater Oswego Fulton Chamber of Commerce

September 28, 8:30 to 10 a.m. Greater Oswego-Fulton Chamber of Commerce 121 E. First St., Oswego

Social Media Marketing and Advertising Workshop

October 3, 8:30 to 11 a.m. Greater Oswego-Fulton Chamber of Commerce 121 E. First St., Oswego

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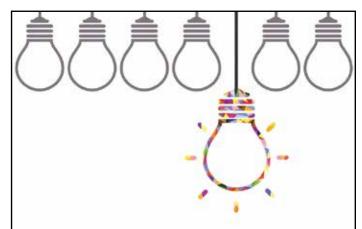
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