CO-OP Ventures XII

Smart Systems Technologies

Everyone is Welcome! **May 16, 2023| 4:50 pm - 6:50 pm**

FLCC Victor Campus Center

200 Victor Heights Parkway, Victor NY 14564 (Conference Room VC 200)

Welcome: Dr. Robert Nye, President of Finger Lakes Community College

Liberal Arts of High-technologies

Guest Panel Discussion

Mike Bechtold, President of Optipro Systems
Lynn Fried, Executive Director of Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
David Grome, Managing Director, Business Development at Greater Rochester Enterprise
Leah Hamilton, Workforce Development Coordinator, Optimax Systems
Dave Leven, Integration Specialist at Stark Tech
Ryan McCabe, Associate VP of Academic Technology & High Impact Practices at FLCC

Student Co-op Presentations:

Cone, Ryan	**LSI Solutions**
Fooks, Maddox	**L3Harris**
Freeman, Cody	**Optipro Systems**
Gellatly, Andrew	**Quality Vision Intl, Redcom Laboratories**
Hammond, Jason	**Redcom Laboratories**
Lasecki, Ethan	**Optipro Systems**
Lester, Garett	**Addex Inc.**
Robinson, Christopher	**Ortho Clinical Diagnostics**

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#SustainableEducation for #ROC #FLX #HighTechEcosystem

Guest Panel

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Mike Bechtold, President of Optipro Systems
In 1976, Mike graduated from SUNY Cortland, with a BS in education. Working at The National Technical Institute for the Deaf at RIT, he found his love for the mechanical engineering world. In 1981 he co-founded OptiPro, which evolved into a company designing and building CNC machines tools for the metalworking, manufacturing sector. 1991 brought about the "Opticam SX project" with the University of Rochester, Center for Optics Mfg, and propelled OptiPro's focus toward affordable, deterministic manufacturing and measuring solutions for precision optics.

Lynn Fried, Executive Director of Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board
After Liberal Arts degree at FLCC, Lynn earned baccalaureate in Organizational Management from Keuka College. Lynn was Manager of Business Development and Training at FLCC till January 2013, and then
Director of Workforce Development till end of 2015. Lynn was the Regional Director, Rochester, Finger Lakes, Genesee Valley region of the statewide Workforce Development Institute (WDI) for five years before taking on the current role in January 2021. Lynn partners with local businesses, workforce agencies and education to deliver workforce training and solutions, focusing on positive economic impact for the region.

David Grome, Managing Director, Business Development at Greater Rochester Enterprise
After earning baccalaureate degree in Political Science and Public Policy in 2007, David worked as Business Strategist at Mower Agency through end of 2013, and then for six years at Butler/Til. David has been at Greater Rochester Enterprise for over three years in his current role as in Regional Economic Development. David's expertise spans brand strategy, advertising, media, and public relations. David fosters collaboration to secure investment and drive growth in one of the world's most innovative economies, our nine-county region.

Leah Hamilton, Workforce Development Coordinator, Optimax Systems
After a baccalaureate in Medieval History and Early English Literature / Illuminated Manuscripts from McGill University in 1996, Leah worked at University of Rochester as Collections Manager of Rare Books & Special Collections till early 2013. Leah earned Master of Art degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Adler University in 2021. While serving as Executive Director of Phelps Library & STEAM Lab Makerspace from 2013 to 2019, Leah had been a Freelance Graphic Designer. Leah has been in her current role for about 4 years.

Dave Leven, Integration Specialist at Stark Tech
After earning baccalaureate in Political Science and Government in 2009, Dave worked as Delivery Driver for Bauer and Son Moving Company for two years, before working at Thielsch Engineering starting out as Installer then as Marketing Specialist, and as Project Coordinator until end of 2014. Dave worked as Warehouse Specialist for about seven years – held a second job at Maximus for the last five years, ending his role as Operations Supervisor in November 2021. While holding those two jobs, Dave started studies in our SST program in Fall of 2021. Dave transitioned into full-time job as Building Automation and Controls Integration Specialist at Stark in December 2021. Our HyFlex scheduling has allowed Dave to continue working full-time while completing his studies, and raising young family.

Ryan McCabe, Associate VP of Academic Technology & High Impact Practices at FLCC
Ryan earned a baccalaureate in History from SUNY Potsdam in 2002, MS in Adult and Continuing Education and Teaching from Buffalo State University in 2012, Ryan worked as Online Learning Technician at SUNY Canton from 2006 to 2008, then transitioned to Finger Lakes Community College holding the roles of Instructional Designer, Assistant Director of Online Learning and Director of Online Learning until 2019 and has been in his current role since then. Ryan organized training on the HyFlex learning framework, grew the college's online degree offerings from 12 to 23 fully online programs or certificates, aligned the Certified Production Technician training with parts of the SST curriculum, and recently led a professional development day session on "Leading with Empathy." Ryan also teaches in the Computer Science department in an adjunct role.