Partner News: Our Growing Network

Innovate 518 welcomes two new affiliate partners to its expanding collaborative network: Saratoga Prosperity Partnership and Siena Stack Center.

The Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership (SCPP) is the County’s designated economic development organization, leading the public and private sectors to achieve economic success for its businesses and residents. SCPP is the first point of contact for business retention, expansion, and attraction, providing a seamless delivery of economic development and workforce development assistance for businesses seeking to expand here.

Siena Stack Center engages students through high-impact learning practices designed to develop critical thinking, innovation and entrepreneurial skills. Our process of “Innovate-Create-Accelerate” allows students to apply these skills to develop and implement successful business ventures. The Center also seeks to highlight entrepreneurial-minded alumni who have successfully launched their own businesses to inspire the Center’s current students.
Nancy Min has always been surrounded by science. Her father Qilong Min serves as a professor in the University at Albany’s Atmospheric Sciences Research Center (ASRC). So when her dad developed weather prediction technology to drive solar productivity, she wanted to bring it to market to improve people’s lives.

With support from the University at Albany Innovation Center, an affiliate partner of Innovate 518, Min founded the startup, ecoLong LLC. Min has also worked with Innovate 518 operational partners Center for Economic Growth (CEG) and RPI’s iSite. Michael Lobsinger from CEG has served as a valued mentor and advisor to Min.

ecoLong also works closely with the ASRC and the University’s New York State Mesonet, a network of 125 advanced weather detection stations across New York State.

What they have lined up in the coming weeks could bring in critical funding for the fledging startup.

Read the full piece at www.innovate518.com/news.

Partner Spotlight

Start-up Pro Bono Legal Assistance

A vital benefit for startups and entrepreneurs is understanding the value of working with an attorney and being provided with qualified legal assistance.

Innovate 518 is able to make these critical services available to the startup and entrepreneurial community through a partnership with Albany Law School’s Community Development Clinic. The Clinic is the only Innovate 518-affiliated partner providing pro bono legal services.

Albany Law students participate in intake meetings with clients and program staff of Innovate 518, the region’s innovation hotspot, who has referred a number of clients to the Clinic.

Read more at: www.innovate518.com/partner-spotlight/