

*DO YOU KNOW...*



The time is now to be an economic differentiator

Collaboration is the key to our community's success. See how Rock Valley College has used collaboration to provide education to workforce pipelines that ensure our region has the skilled workforce for jobs that are good today, tomorrow, and in the future.

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## RAEDC

### Welcome to the Team Stephanie & Jarid

We have welcomed two new staff members to the RAEDC family! Stephanie Jones, VP of Sales and Jarid Funderburg, VP of Business & Investor Relations.

[MEET OUR STAFF>>>](#)

### Aerospace Symposium Scheduled for April

Save the Date! The Rockford Area Aerospace Network (RAAN) has scheduled the Aerospace Symposium for April 23rd. For sponsorship information contact

[Anna Garrison.](#)

### RAEDC Launches Marketing Campaign

RAEDC focuses on reasons why this region is Your Opportunity Region with a strategically selective marketing campaign.

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Every System Every Aircraft Needs Your Help!

Tell us how your company supports the bold statement that represents our region's Aerospace Industry - Every System Every Aircraft. RAAN and the RAEDC want to know what your aerospace capabilities include. Please, take 4 minutes to help us out.

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## OUR REGION

### Rockford Region Real Estate Amongst Healthiest in the State

"You can get a lot of house for your money," Conor Brown, CEO of Rockford Area Realtors said. "You don't have crazy commute time. You do have wonderful park systems and cultural events. It's a lot of big-city amenities with a small-town feel."

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### Amazon to Invest More in the Region

Amazon is investing in an existing hub for its Prime shipping program at the Chicago Rockford International Airport.

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### Opportunity Zones in the Region

The Opportunity Zones program offers three tax incentives for investing in low-income communities through a qualified Opportunity Fund. Learn where they are and how your business can utilize these opportunities.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NIU College of Engineering Spring Job Fair - Wed, Feb. 20, 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

The College of Engineering & Engineering Technology Job & Internship Fair showcases only technology and engineering student. Almost than 400 students attended the Fall 2018 Job & Internship Fair. This event is perfect for finding co-ops, internships, and part-time and full-time professionals.

[PARTICIPATION DETAILS>>>](#)

### RAAN Aerospace Symposium - Tuesday, April 23

Save the date! The Rockford Area Aerospace Network is hosting the 4th annual Aerospace Symposium! For information about sponsoring the event contact

[Anna Garrison](#).

### Innovation Tuesdays - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Featuring different speakers, networking opportunities, and a variety of topics useful to entrepreneurs, Innovation Tuesday hosted by NIU EIGERlab, could be just the thing you need for your developing business.

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### 1 Million Cups - Wednesdays, 9 - 11 am

Entrepreneurs present their startup companies and learn how the community can help their business flourish. These meetings are held on a weekly basis.

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### ABOUT THE RAEDC

The role of the Rockford Area Economic Development Council (RAEDC) is to collaborate with regional stakeholders to cultivate opportunities for primary job growth that increase the economic well-being of our region. The RAEDC markets the region to attract new capital investment, while assisting existing business with resources for sustainable growth. The RAEDC works closely with many partners to improve the competitiveness of the region by taking what it learns from the region's employers and engaging the community in the daily work of economic development. As the economic development organization for the region, the RAEDC also serves as the area's data collection agency on all new capital investment, retained and created quality jobs, and renovated commercial/industrial space.