

DID YOU KNOW...



Jim Bridenstine, Administrator for NASA (second from right) was the keynote speaker at the RAAN Aerospace Symposium in April.

"NASA is going forward to the Moon to stay, and our industry partners in Illinois are critical to helping us achieve that mission," mentions Jim Bridenstine.

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Watch Jim Bridenstine's Keynote Presentation

Jim Bridenstine's Keynote Presentation during the RAAN Aerospace Symposium is available to watch on our Facebook Page.

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CARE Seminar Scheduled - High Performance Culture Seminar

CEO at People Centric Consulting Group, Don Harkey, will explain how culture impacts productivity and profitability, helping you discover what systems you can install to create and manage a high-performance culture. We will also highlight area Rockford businesses that are doing a great job with culture and will learn about their secrets.

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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

Manufacturing Day – Call for Participants

The Manufacturing Day Planning Committee invites you to participate in northern Illinois' annual Manufacturing Day, October 10, 2019. Deadline to register as a participant is May 21st.

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The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois Announces Scholarship Recipients

Thanks to the generosity of local donors and the hard work of scholarship reviewers, the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois has recently finished its 2018-2019 scholarship season, making 156 awards worth \$263,880 to local students. Since 2000, CFNIL has awarded over \$3,000,000 to local students pursuing post-secondary education.

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Rock Valley College Aviation Maintenance Team Competes Nationally

The Rock Valley College Aviation Maintenance Team recently participated in the Aerospace Maintenance Competition (AMC) held in Atlanta during the first week of April. "The AMC was a life-altering experience," said team captain Imran Zaveri. "It gave me industry contacts, new friends, and a platform to exhibit and practice the skills I have learned in school."

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NIU Supermilage Team Places First

We are very proud to announce that the Northern Illinois University Supermileage Team has placed 1st out of 27 competitors at the Shell Eco-marathon!!

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UPCOMING RAEDC EVENTS

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Innovation Tuesdays - 2nd 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.