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Press Release

Mount Saint Mary College to Co-Host the First-ever Hudson Valley Tech Festival

NEWBURGH, New York, August 8, 2019: Mount Saint Mary College is partnering with Open Hub to host Day Two of Open Hub's inaugural Hudson Valley Tech Festival in Newburgh, New York. The Hudson Valley Tech Festival will be held at SUNY Orange on October 11, 2019, and Mount Saint Mary College on October 12, 2019. The two-day event will demonstrate how a growing technology industry will spur economic growth throughout the region, and strengthen relationships between employers, educators, skilled professionals, new graduates, and students.

"Our mission includes showcasing local technology businesses and talent, facilitating job creation, and driving innovation. Mount Saint Mary College is a leader in delivering educational programs in high-growth fields. Those synergies – as well as the beautiful campus – make the school an ideal partner and host for our first Hudson Valley Tech Festival Hackathon," said Dr. Ovchinnikova, President of Open Hub and founder of the Hudson Valley Tech Festival annual event series.

The first day of the Hudson Valley tech Festival will be hosted by SUNY Orange in Newburgh. Day-One will include speakers, panel sessions and lightning talks in a conference-like setting. Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh is hosting the second day which will be more interactive featuring workshops, exhibits, and a Hackathon in their spacious Kaplan Hall. "We're fortunate to have both schools participating and contributing in this way, and participants will benefit even more by learning about what's available at these two venues," said Dr. Ovchinnikova.

Sessions will cover the latest developments in technology such as open data, cloud, cybersecurity, web development, and the Internet of Things. The event will highlight industries and technology activities relevant to our region including education, civic tech, and creative services.

For more details about the Hudson Valley Tech Festival and Hackathon, and to register, visit: <https://festival.openhubproject.com/>.

About Open Hub

Open Hub is a technology resource center in the Hudson Valley. It provides technology education and networking opportunities throughout the region. Open Hub offers high-quality intensive education and co-learning opportunities in technology and entrepreneurship. In collaboration with skilled practitioners, Open Hub designs curricula to teach real-life technical skills, provides workshops and bootcamps with hands-on technical experiences, and consults on open source initiatives. Open Hub provides support to a growing network of talented techies in the Hudson Valley who are inspired to work together, and promotes doing more together through collaboration, sharing resources, knowledge and opportunities.

Yulia Ovchinnikova, President and Founder of Open Hub, is a Russian-born American who holds a Master's degree in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics, as well as a PhD in Economics. She is an educator, entrepreneur, and community leader for the Hudson Valley tech community. As a connector and entrepreneur, Dr. Ovchinnikova knows technology can help solve problems and transform business. As a passionate advocate of collaboration and coworking, she engages people to promote partnership and coordinates projects to foster business growth. She founded Open Hub as a community development initiative, introducing a Technology-Driven Economic Development approach.

About Mount Saint Mary College

Mount Saint Mary College is a private, four-year liberal arts college in the City of Newburgh, NY, which offers an affordable liberal arts education with strong academic undergraduate programs and three graduate programs. Their degree programs in business, education, the health professions, media arts, and the social sciences are linked to high career growth fields. Mount students excel by completing internships and study abroad experiences that add dimension and value to their education.