

TECH UPLOAD

JANUARY EDITION

NEW IT ALLIANCE

NEW AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 18: Go Faster: Embracing Technology
In Your Home

Jan 24: Explore Starting a Business -
Waupaca

Jan 25: Nonprofit leadership initiative |
Join a board : Topic – Women & Girls

Jan 26: Wit@work Breakfast Series –
Building Brave: The Confidence To Be You **PLUS Professional Headshot Photo

Feb 23: WIT@Work Breakfast Series

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mission is to attract, develop & retain diverse IT talent in Northeastern Wisconsin to support economic growth, our second year initiatives will focus on the following:

1. Increase enrollments into IT programs across our regional 2 and 4-year campuses
2. Conduct and grow the NEW Connect IT event
3. Develop the 5-year plan for the NEW IT Alliance

We will be working closely with the region's colleges and universities to understand the challenges they face in attracting and retaining students in their IT programs, and work with them to develop programs to both attract new students as well as retain existing students with the ultimate goal of increasing the number of students graduating. Partnering with the advising offices on campus we will work to implement programs to educate undeclared students about programs and careers in IT. As this group makes up roughly 30% of our freshman classes, there is opportunity here.

Knowing that we also have a lot of opportunity in regional high schools to educate students and parents about IT career opportunities, we will continue to work with our partner organizations as well as regional schools on initiatives to drive change at this level.

Last year the NEW Connect IT event attracted over 60 college students and community members looking for careers in IT. We bussed in over 250 high school students, connecting both them and the career seekers with 33 regional employers looking for IT talent. This year we are looking to grow those numbers and increase our outreach. Details will be forthcoming later this year as we dive back into planning. For now, we can share that the event will be held in November.

We will be building out NEW IT Alliance committees and task forces to work on specific projects, such as planning the NEW Connect IT Event, throughout the year. Look for additional information about opportunities and how to engage in future newsletters and on social media.

[Continue reading to learn about what's happening in the region →](#)

NEW IT ALLIANCE NEWS

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Submit any content that you would like to have featured in a future newsletter to newitalliance@gmail.com by the 20th of each month.

Any events you would like us to help promote, complete our “[register your event](#)”(link to events page) form located on our events tab.

OUR YEAR TO COME

Happy New Year! 2018 is off to a great start for the NEW IT Alliance and we hope for you too.

The Executive Committee met earlier this month to define our focus for the year. Last year focused on laying the foundation for the NEW IT Alliance with the creation of our website and job board, development of a social media presences, and creation and execution of a regional IT job and career fair branded as NEW Connect IT. Keeping in mind that our

REGIONAL NEWS

PLEXUS - "KIDS AROUND THE WORLD MEAL PACKING"



On December 15, 70 employees from the IT team at [Plexus](#) Global Headquarters participated in a Kids Around the World meal packing event. Using Lean concepts to optimize the process, the team packaged 20,000 meals that will go to the widows and children impacted by the devastating hurricane in Cuba. This was the very first time the Kids Around the World organization had a group utilize Lean techniques in the meal preparation activity. During the event, Kids Around the World announced that Plexus packaged their four millionth meal!

The IT team at Plexus conducts Lean events on a quarterly basis to reinforce the Lean and Six Sigma concepts that are taught in the required training. Everyone within the Plexus IT organization is required to become ASQ Green Belt certified. The Six Sigma certification journey began a year ago and to date, we have 41 team members certified!

MAKE I.T. SOAR



[Make I.T. SOAR](#) is an initiative aimed at combating this stigma by employing high-functioning individuals with autism within the Information Technology industry. Many individuals on the spectrum have a natural affinity for technology and the ability to pay

close attention to detail, making them a perfect fit for I.T. positions. Not only does this give them a sense of purpose to be doing meaningful work, but it also gives them daily opportunities for social interactions, which is something most individuals on the spectrum struggle with. [Full Article](#)



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CESA 8 – "GET INSPIRED"

"We have access to 45,000 future employees--do you?" That is definitely a statement which would turn the head of any human resource personnel or CEO, but it is true in the NEW North Region of Wisconsin. In April 2016, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) procured and contracted with Career Cruising to provide Wisconsin's school districts with an optional choice for an electronic Academic and Career Planning (ACP) platform. Then, on August 15, 2017, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) expanded the use of the Career Cruising platform to include the web-based business-education partnership portal, Inspire. [Full Article](#)

CESA 6 & BEMIS GRANT AVAILABLE

The [Bemis](#) and [CESA 6](#) Foundation has partnered with [PLTW](#) to provide grant support to schools in the immediate geographic footprint of Bemis facility communities. Since 2012, the partnership between Bemis and PLTW has continued to expand the [STEM](#) pipeline by encouraging, empowering, and elevating communities where Bemis employees live and work, as well as to train our nation's future thinkers, citizens and leaders. This grant opportunity seeks to continue and extend this work by supporting PLTW grants to middle schools interested in expanding their existing PLTW Gateway program.

[Launch – Elementary Program](#)

[Gateway – Middle School Program](#)



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