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Eight things you need to know on topics related to Saratoga County's economy.

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8 @ 8 is a newsletter filled with eight things you need to know on topics related to the economy in Saratoga County, New York. You can expect to see **8 @ 8** in your inbox twice a month. If you have content you'd like us to share or have a topic you'd like to see more of, let us know and we'll work to include it in a future edition! -The Partnership Team



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SARATOGA COUNTY PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP

Calling all Entrepreneurs, Developers, Students, Small Businesses and Designers

Saratoga Go! [Smart City technology innovation competition](#) will be kicking off this **Thursday, April 6 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm** at Empire State College. Participants are invited to create community innovations that will improve the quality of life for residents, businesses, or visitors in any city. Participants can submit any solution aimed at developing Smart Cities in the following categories: Connected Community, Public Services, Environmental Innovation, Education and Training, Intelligent Infrastructure and Open Space. [Click here to register.](#)

Semiconductors remain U.S. export leader for 2016

The [Semiconductor Industry Association \(SIA\) reported](#) that semiconductors are in the top three U.S. manufactured exports after automobiles and aircraft. Gross exports for 2016 totaled \$43.1 billion semiconductors continued to be the number one electronics product export in 2016, well ahead of computer equipment, telephones, communications equipment, and other well-known electronics.

Girls in STEM promotes tech to young minds

This past weekend, the Saratoga Partnership co-sponsored the [Girls in STEM workshop](#) at HVCC TEC-SMART. The 5th annual event, organized by [CEG](#), attracted over 200 4th - 8th grade girls from around the region. There is still a large gender imbalance in STEM-related professions. Women currently hold only 17% of jobs in the [semiconductor industry](#). As we grow the economy in Saratoga County we want to ensure that both men and women have the same opportunities in an increasingly tech-focused marketplace.

Are you looking to develop your idea and *Ignite* your business?

Our partners at [Ignite U](#) are accepting applications for their 2017 Summer [Business Accelerator Program](#). IgniteU is an entrepreneur support initiative for Upstate NY early-stage startups from any industry. Finalists will be asked to present to the selection committee early May. Companies will have access to customized curriculums, experienced mentors, peer networking, collaborative workspace, and endless coffee! Click here to [learn more](#).

Quality of place - Where we rank

There are great places to live in upstate New York. Good schools, beautiful homes, and did we mention low crime rates? Here are two communities that made the [top 15 of lowest crime rates](#) right here in Saratoga County. This week, Saratoga County was also ranked the [healthiest county in New York State](#) according to [County Health Rankings & Roadmap](#). The reasons to live and work in Saratoga County keep growing!

Singles add up

It is opening day of baseball and we are reminded that in baseball and business - singles matter. For every major employer, such as GLOBALFOUNDRIES, a strong economy also has a vibrant small business sector, which quite often provides the most rapid job growth. [The Saratogian](#) recently covered our Small Business Workshop Series, which connected entrepreneurs with tools they need to succeed. The series concluded this week in Schuylerville but we're still actively accelerating business growth.

Planting the seeds for agribusiness

[The National Farm Viability Conference](#) is coming to New York State May 22 - 24 and the Saratoga Partnership will be there promoting economic development opportunities in Saratoga County. The national conference will attract professionals in the fields of farm and food business planning, financial planning, agricultural financing, farmland conservation, agricultural market development, and food hub management.

Semiconductors are changing the world and the Saratoga County economy

Dr. Thomas Caulfield, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Fab 8, GLOBALFOUNDRIES delivered

the 33rd annual F. William Harder Lecture at Skidmore College last week. Key takeaways included the impact GLOBALFOUNDRIES Fab 8 has had in Saratoga County, challenges to Moore's Law that are being managed in Malta, industry consolidation and the critical importance of collaboration. [Click here for coverage by the Daily Gazette.](#)

The [Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership](#) is the County's designated Economic Development organization leading the public and private sectors to achieve economic success for our businesses and residents.

The Saratoga Partnership is the first point of contact for business retention, expansion, and attraction. We provide a seamless delivery of economic development and workforce development assistance for businesses seeking to expand in Saratoga County, New York.



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