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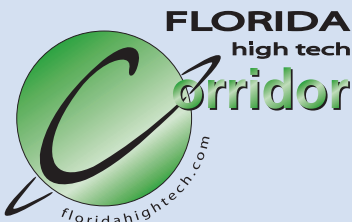
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A VIBRANT Region

It's amazing to look back on the first nine issues of *florida.HIGH.TECH* and see the transformation that this magazine has undergone. More amazing is the growth of the Corridor region into a nationally recognized technology cluster led by the strengths of three renowned research universities.

At its annual meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in September 2010, the State Science and Technology Institute (SSTI) named the Florida High Tech Corridor Council (FHTCC) one of only four winners in its 2010 Excellence in Technology-Based Economic Development Awards. Recognizing the Council's Matching Grants Research Program, SSTI President Dan Berglund said, "The Florida High Tech Corridor Council has a long-standing, impressive track record of commercialization by leveraging university resources."

In this 10th issue, you'll read about the numerous research projects in the Council's 15-year history that have come to represent a significant impact down the road, such as a USF professor's accidental discovery of a new anti-depression drug which originally started as an FHTCC-funded project to research an effective treatment for Tourette syndrome; or the 25 projects with Harris Corporation that have leveraged a Corridor investment of \$1.5 million spanning 12 years into a departmental impact valued at \$100 million; or researchers who are "swimming with sharks" to explore cures for cancer.

Our Faces of Technology section, which began three years ago, has grown into an exciting feature in each issue, and this year's class of tech leaders is as diverse and fascinating as ever. It includes:

- 46-year-old University of Florida alumnus Neil Euliano II, Ph.D., who is developing a system that allows pills to send out messages after they have been swallowed
- Sarasota's 32-year-old microbiologist Christopher Reuter, who applies his fascination with the complexity of microorganisms to develop beneficial "super cultures"
- 61-year-old entrepreneur Nat Quick, whose company, AppliCote, seeks "to make the world cleaner by eliminating all toxins from the fabrication of electronic materials and devices"

These technology leaders are the fabric and the future of a vibrant region, demonstrating daily why the Florida High Tech Corridor is home to the greatest concentration of high tech companies and employment in America's fourth-largest state.

Best regards,

Randy Berridge
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