



MassTech has jobs posted and you can be rewarded for your referral!

If you have someone in mind that you think would be well-suited for any of our open positions, urge them to apply and earn \$500 while doing so with our Employee Referral Program!

Contact HR for any questions.

Click [here](#) to view postings.

CONGRATS ON YOUR WORK ANNIVERSARY!

Joe Nasalski is celebrating 20 years!

Joe Downing is celebrating 16 years!

Cornell Robinson is celebrating 11 years!

Thank you for all of your continued dedication and we appreciate all you do!



2021 Holiday Survival Toolkit

Be sure to check out our EAP's 2021 Holiday Survival Toolkit for tips, tools and helpful resources. As you embark on a brand new year, take advantage of your EAP's unparalleled benefits, coaching, training & counseling to help you make it a great one!

In the toolkit, you will find helpful resources for the following:

- Coping with COVID-19
- Navigating holidays at the workplace
- Managing stress
- Managing money, finance & going green
- Staying healthy & well
- Giving charitable gifts and donations
- Family Matters
- Handling special situations
- Keeping safe
- Maintaining cybersecurity & avoiding scams

View the Toolkit [Here](#)!

DON'T FORGET!!

Remember to take advantage of these Fallon Benefits before year's end!

Healthy Health Plan – When you complete the online health questionnaire, you will be reimbursed \$100. If your spouse is also enrolled in Fallon, they can participate as well (and also receive \$100). Please see the "Fallon HHPFlyer" attachment or [click here](#) for further details and instructions.

It Fits – Fallon reimburses for a wide range of fitness activities and equipment – from gym memberships, ski lift passes, team sports fees, and home fitness equipment. Individuals are eligible for \$200 and families are eligible for \$400 per calendar year. Please refer to the "It Fits" attachment or [click here](#) for further details and instructions. You will have until March 31, 2022 to submit claims, but the expenses must be incurred between 1/1/21 – 12/31/21.



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“UMASS Dartmouth Gets Funding to Build New Biodegradable Plastics Lab”

Earlier this month, PrimaLoft gave \$350,000 to UMass Dartmouth to establish the lab. It was the most significant part of \$1 million in funds, labor, and staffing from other private partners, as well as the University of Massachusetts and the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole.

The donations triggered a \$739,936 matching grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative to establish the Biodegradable Plastics Lab at SMAST.



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The Cape's *WCAI* ran two segments, Morning Edition (AM) and All Things Considered (PM). Also covered by [Dartmouth Week](#), [Cape Plymouth Business](#), [Providence Business News](#), [Go Local Providence](#), [Textile World](#) (release repost), [Innovation in Textiles](#), [Bio Plastics News](#), [R&D World](#), and [Plastics News](#).

“Digital Boom Sparking Crime Wave, Job Growth”

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the ways that businesses operate and people interact, but the shift towards even greater reliance on digital technologies has created new opportunities for cybercriminals and highlighted the state’s need for more skilled workers in the cybersecurity field.

Gov. Charlie Baker said Thursday that the Massachusetts cybersecurity industry “has a clear employee talent gap” and called on municipalities to adopt a minimum set of digital security policies



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Worcester Business Journal: [Click Here](#)



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“Specialty Materials Receives \$2.3 Million State Manufacturing Grant”

Specialty Materials Inc., the world’s sole manufacturing provider of boron fiber, has received a \$2.3 million grant from the Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Initiative (M2I2) program.



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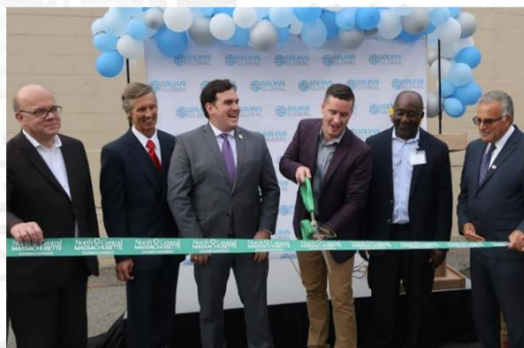
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“Solvus Global’s Center for Scaled Innovation in Manufacturing Opens in Leominster”

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held last month to celebrate the opening of Solvus Global’s new Center for Scaled Innovation in Manufacturing on Nashua Street in Leominster. (L. to r.) Congressman Jim McGovern, Dr. Victor Champagne, Jr. of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, State Sen. John Cronin, Solvus Global COO and co-founder Dr. Sean Kelly, Worcester Polytechnic Institute Provost Wole Soboyejo, and Leominster Mayor Dean Mazzarella.



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AARP Launches AgeTech Collaborative

On November 15, 2021, AARP launched the AgeTech Collaborative™, "a new platform to help AgeTech innovators generate big new ideas and send thriving products into what's now an \$8.3 trillion economy driven by those who are age 50 and older." The 38-million-member association states that "Innovation will be the key to helping people take advantage of longer and healthier lives in the coming years."



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Tech Crunch Article: [Click Here](#)

AARP Article: [Click Here](#)

“Mass. eHealth Institute Supports Digital Health Innovation Statewide”

MeHI, the Mass. eHealth Institute at MassTech, has announced \$165,950 in new awards from the Massachusetts Digital Health Sandbox Grant Program to support four Massachusetts startups in gaining access to cutting-edge R&D facilities across the state. The four companies will work with the facilities to test and validate their products, helping advance the marketability of the ‘Made in Massachusetts’ products.



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“For the Most Vulnerable, Digital Equity Makes a Big Difference”

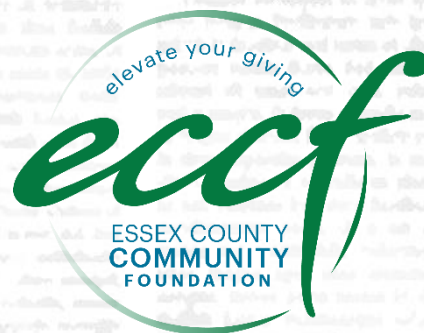
The Essex County Community Foundation (ECCF) published a column in the Salem News that highlights how a grant from the MBI has enabled internet access for 20 low-income families across the North Shore, including assistance with a connection, computers, and digital literacy training.



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Do you have any MassTech news that you think may be of interest to our staff? It could be MassTech History, Campus Information, Program Information or even Employee shout-outs!

Please e-mail [Katie](#)

Also, a very special thank you to the Research & Communications Team for always providing up-to-date MassTech coverage for us!

Thank you!

A neon sign is displayed against a dark brick wall. The word "Stay" is written in a cursive script using pink neon tubing. Below it, the word "TUNED" is written in a bold, blocky, sans-serif font using blue neon tubing. The sign has a glowing effect, casting a soft light on the wall behind it.

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