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# Pathways To Technological Success



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Two Long Island businesses, an Island college and one of LI's largest school districts are among the

organizations winning “partnership awards” through the third round of the New York State Pathways in Technology program.

All told, seven regional winners – each including businesses, institutions of higher learning and public schools – were named by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who designed the P-TECH partnerships to provide over 10,000 students with a high school diploma, college degree and a pathway to employment, according to the governor’s office. Thursday’s announcement brings the total of public/private partnerships formed through the program to 33.

“This program is transforming our education system by giving students the skills and experience they need to succeed in the competitive global workforce,” Cuomo said in a statement. “These P-TECH awards are enabling our partner organizations to make a real difference in the lives of children across the state.”

Each of the seven new partnerships announced Thursday targets a specific professional field; for instance, the Central New York partnership, including the SUNY Upstate Medical Center, Onondaga Community College and the Syracuse Central School District, focuses on healthcare.

Long Island’s new partnership, which combines IT and electrical engineering disciplines, includes corporate participants Lockheed Martin and Intralogic Solutions, a Massapequa-based video-surveillance specialist; higher education participant Nassau Community College; and the K-12 Hempstead Union-Free School District.

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Modeled after tech stalwart IBM’s nationally recognized partnership in New York City, P-TECH’s goal is to supply regional businesses with a robust pipeline of young talent while giving students who might not otherwise get the chance a crack at earning an associates degree at no cost. IBM helped launch the program in 2014, providing equipment and training to participating schools.

Thursday’s winners expose the program to over 1,500 additional students, according to the governor’s office. New York State Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia applauded the P-TECH program, noting “students can’t be successful without the right kind of opportunity.”

“The P-TECH model brings business, schools and colleges together ... and it’s working,” Elia said. “When it comes to P-TECH, the more, the better. We should keep this program growing.”

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