From the Director

The Flagship is here! After five years of planning, this key piece of infrastructure for Charleston’s tech community has opened. We continue welcoming tech companies to the landmark Charleston Tech Center and look forward to leveraging the building with new program offerings to support our tech community at a higher level. Special thanks to the City of Charleston, State of South Carolina, and Charleston County Economic Development, our partners who played an instrumental role with the development of Charleston Tech Center.

Community Engagement is a key strength of Charleston’s tech community. While the past year has put a damper on events that bring the community together, Covid-19 vaccinations are the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel. Starting in May and with the launch of CDC µ, we will gradually and responsibly start bringing back in-person events. The development of the Charleston Tech Center will also enable the Charleston Digital Corridor to host some smaller community events. Think music, education, tournaments, and more!

Talent

While we have been preoccupied with the development of the Flagship @ the Charleston Tech Center, we have continued to focus on consolidating our education initiatives under a single brand. CDC µ classes and topics fall within three primary areas:

1. Business operations
2. Specific software & tech skills
3. Entrepreneurial inspiration & guidance

An example of in-person classes and workshops that we will be offering starting mid-May will include: “How to Get Your First 10 Paying Users,” “Beyond the MVP – Efficiency Hacks to Take Your Business to the Next Level,” “Low Cost Digital Marketing Strategies to Grow Your Business,” and “A Starter’s Guide to API Design and Scalable Application Architecture.” Details on these in-person classes and more will be posted to the CDC website shortly.

Spaces

Many years in the making, the Flagship @ the Charleston Tech Center is here. While some companies have been moving into the CTC since February, the 2nd floor Flagship will be officially open next week and moving in nearly 20 companies on day one.

With a design aesthetic significantly more modern than our previous facilities and amenities including a podcast studio, nap room, custom-built stand-up desks and private digital communications rooms (as in Zoom calls), the Flagship represents our vision for the “new normal” workspace and will facilitate a welcome transition back to the office environment. If you are interested in one of our few remaining offices or would like a tour, email me.

Capital

While not always publicly announced, tech companies in Charleston continue to raise funds and invest in companies to grow their respective businesses. Recently, Vendr announced the successful completion of a $50 million Series A round and BoomTown acquired Brokermint. Both companies continue to hire for key positions to drive growth.

Members & Investors

As a public-private partnership, we are grateful and honored for the members of our tech community, public agencies and private citizens who steadfastly support the mission of the Charleston Digital Corridor. Here are just a few of supporters:

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- 843 Benefits and Marketplace
- Holy City Industries
- Cloud Logic
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Flagship

The Flagship business incubator at the Charleston Tech Center in Downtown Charleston is a landmark office developed to serve the exclusive needs of tech and life-sciences companies in the Charleston region. Opening April 12! Email me to learn more or grab a tour.

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Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support of the Charleston Digital Corridor. Our collective achievements are a reflection of your unwavering commitment and collaboration. Continued success!