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Aug 2017: Grants, creative challenges, Hawaii's top 'Rank' and more

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## From Robbie's Laptop

Amazing opportunities are offered for local innovators over the coming weeks. Hawaii was selected as a coveted stop on the SBA National Innovation Road Tour, one of only 15 stops and 11 states in an outreach effort targeting advanced technology communities. Businesses can meet directly with federal funding program managers at the SBIR Road Tour – Hawaii and gain invaluable insights from investors about what it takes to fund companies. The Hawaii Annual Code Challenge is gearing up for a second year to break the mold of traditional hackathons with its month-long competition for tech-minded creatives. These dynamic events speak volumes about the state's reputation as a place where innovation is being ignited and encouraged.



Stay inspired & keep moving forward,

Robbie Melton  
*Executive Director and CEO*



## Noteworthy

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## HTDC to Host SBIR Road Tour - Hawaii

Get unparalleled access to successful SBIR companies as they share how they were able to win grants and take their tech products to market! HTDC is proud to host the [SBIR Road Tour – Hawaii](#) and expanded it to include strategies and investment to get to product launch, manufacturing options and more. Carole Teolis, SBIR Tibbets award winner and co-founder of TRX Systems (offering location-based tech for first responders) will keynote.

## Hawaii Leads the Ranks

Software developers aren't just attached to VCs, startups or Silicon Valley anymore – they're increasingly hacking in every corner of the U.S. [Research from HackerRank](#) reveals **Hawaii is the #1 state** for the highest developer growth, attributing this phenomenon to programs in Hawaii that facilitate a culture of coding, and noting the work of accelerators like DevLeague, PyHawaii and PCATT!

## Calling All Hackers, Hustlers and Designers

[The second Hawaii Annual Code Challenge \(HACC\) 2017 kicks off on Saturday, Aug. 26.](#) The month-long hackathon-inspired competition engages the local tech community in modernizing state services for a more effective, efficient and open government. Championed by Governor Ige and State CIO, Todd Nacapuy, the event is coordinated by the Office of Enterprise Technology Services in partnership with the HTDC, and local nonprofit Hawaii Open Data. Teams will prototype innovative solutions to state department and agency challenges. Get a head start and find your team at [WetWare Wednesday, August 23rd!](#)

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## Welcome Home, Shirley Gines

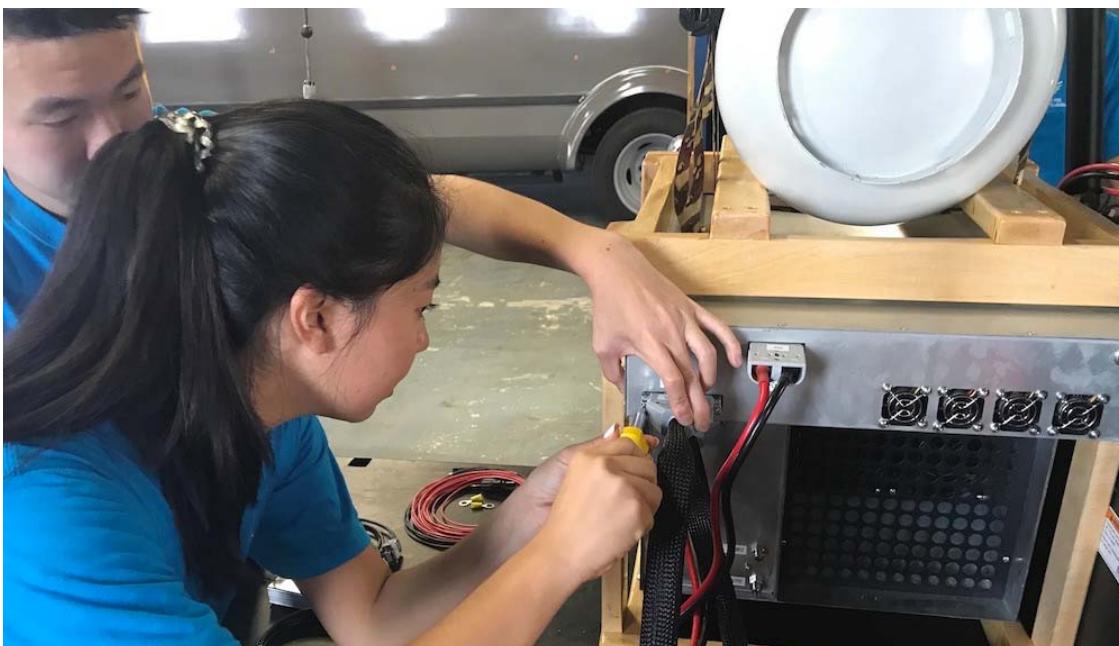
When Shirley returned to find Hawaii's burgeoning tech ecosystem, she knew she had to put her PR skills to use and help put Hawaii on the map like her first company did for Silicon Valley! [Check out the latest Ho'i Mai podcast.](#)



## Creative Thinking

### Programmers Pack the House!

HTDC helped support a packed meeting of [PyHawaii](#) at the MIC Ideation Room; enthusiastic attendees shared ideas and news about programming, software development and Python.



## Hydrogen-Powered Solutions

The state kicked off hurricane season by testing government recall procedures and emergency response plans as the team at HCATT rolled out a set of hydrogen powered emergency lights and fired them up for the first time on July 10. Teen change-makers are also completing their immersive educational project at HCATT that has spanned several months, with the graduates of

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run on renewable energy!



**CALLING ALL LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS, RESEARCHERS, AND SMALL TECHNOLOGY FIRMS! THE SBA NATIONAL INNOVATION ROAD TOUR IS COMING TO HAWAII! HTDC IS PLEASED TO HOST THIS NATIONAL PROGRAM AS PART OF THE SBIR ROAD TOUR - HAWAII.**

**SAVE WITH EARLY REGISTRATION THROUGH AUGUST 20.**

## #Movement

The Hawaii SBDC, enhancing the economic well-being of Hawaii one business at a time, has a new location open at MRTC!

MRTC welcomes 10-Key Consulting, Newberry Technologies, & Afixia!



## Did You Know?

Over 20 teachers from Castle Kahuku Complex launched the first of two DOE accredited coding training for public school teachers in the State of Hawaii.

Did you know [HVCA offers sponsorships](#) to their monthly lunch for entrepreneurs?

Maui entrepreneurs have amazing access to one-on-one entrepreneurial advice from startup veterans Nick and Brittany Heyd; weekly office hours held Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at MRTC.

The [2nd Annual Hawaii Island Business Plan Competition](#) has a first prize of

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the deadline for online submissions due by midnight on Sept.10.

Innovation lifts off! PISCES and Honeybee Robotics, Ltd. have received a NASA STTR grant to develop technology that could launch the very future of space settlement. The award funds Phase I of a planetary building block project using Hawaii volcanic basalt.



## There's An App For That

### Accompany

Touted as a virtual “chief of staff,” [Accompany](#) does the research necessary to prep users for big meetings by emailing briefings beforehand and providing pertinent information to succeed in various situations. Connecting to Google or Microsoft email accounts, mobile calendars and Facebook and Twitter accounts, the ap examines user personal data and pulls biographies and key information online to create summaries of each contact.



## In The News

[Nearly 600 people came together to nurture leadership at Hawaii Business magazine's fourth annual Leadership Conference](#)

[Leeward high teachers learn to code robotic driverless cars](#)



## Connections

August 18– 20 // [Made in Hawaii Festival](#) sponsored by INNOVATE Hawaii

August 23 // [Wetware Wednesday](#), Impact Hub

August 24 // [Introduction to Sales with Nick and Brittany Heyd](#), MRTC

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August 26 // [Pathways to Our Future](#)

September 18 – 19 // [SBIR Road Tour - Hawaii](#)



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