Florida Gulf Coast University, in pursuing its mission to address the fulfillment of "the academic, cultural, social and career expectations of its constituents," together with the Economic Development Council of Collier County, in implementing its mission to promote "economic development initiatives which will diversify the economy," have organized a series of lectures on Software Technologies given by community leaders from the Southwest Florida's companies that specialize in software development and services.

The objectives of the series of lectures is mainly to spread awareness in the community and educate the general population about the accomplishments of software related high tech companies located in the area, and secondly, to bring together the area's professionals working on the development and use of new technologies in software applications and services across the high tech industries. The lectures will be given by a variety of invited experts from software related companies. The series will be held on Thursdays beginning September 27, 2007. All interested are invited to attend to learn about the high tech industries in Southwest Florida.

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Scott Théroux
Director of Product Development
Neighborhood America
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Walt Weisel, Chairman and CEO
Innova Robotics and Automation
Fort Myers, Florida

October 11, 2007
Mike Dwyer, VP of Research
CallMiner, Inc.
Fort Myers, Florida

October 25, 2007
Gene Trefethen, CEO
Fox Electronics
Fort Myers, Florida

November 1, 2007
Greg Kirchdorfer, CEO
Internet Office, Inc.
Naples, Florida

November 15, 2007
Aaron N. Shepherd, Senior VP
Pegasus Solutions
Bonita Springs, Florida

November 29, 2007
Kevin Hunter, Chief Scientist
NeoMedia Technologies, Inc.
Fort Myers, Florida

December 6, 2007
John Connor, CTO and Senior VP
ASG Software Solutions
Naples, Florida

All lectures held at:

Florida Gulf Coast University
Academic Building 5
6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Speakers

Scott Théroux oversees all software development for Neighborhood America, where he has been since 2004. He started his career in technology as a software engineer. His 15 years of multidisciplinary technology experience has been primarily in software engineering, business analysis, and the development of leading edge software products. He has an MBA degree in Technology Management from University of Colorado.

Walt Weisel is the Chairman and CEO of Innova Robotics and Automation, Inc. He began his career at Cincinnati Milacron where he worked for 10 years with machine controls. Then he served 13 years with Prab Robots, Inc. as CEO, introducing the world's first fully voice-activated robotic arm for the severely disabled. He has been the recipient of the Joseph F. Engelberger Award, which recognizes the most significant contributions to the advancement of robotics and automation.

Mike Dwyer is responsible for integrating state-of-the-art advances in speech recognition and analytics technologies into CallMiner's suite of products. He developed the server and database framework that underpins CallMiner Eureka! Prior to joining CallMiner, he developed pattern recognition products for ID Software, and completed the Information Management Leadership Program for GE. He holds a master's degree in Computer Science from Case Western Reserve University.

Gene Trefethen is the chief executive officer of Fox Electronics and has been with the company for over 12 years. He has had a successful 32-year career in manufacturing, distribution, corporate infrastructure development, finance and accounting. He is the primary author of the Fox Automated Manufacturing Process patent, which significantly decreases manufacturing lead times and expense. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Greg Kirchdorfer is the CEO of Internet Office, Inc., which he founded in 2002, as a software development organization focusing on dynamic web applications. He developed the core product, InternetOffice.Biz that now serves over 5000 users. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems from Murray State University and has over 17 years of Information Technology experience, having worked with several Fortune 500 companies.

Aaron N. Shepherd is Senior Vice President of Reservation Technology at Pegasus Solutions. He was the CEO/Co-Founder of GuestClick, Inc. (1996), a software company specializing in hotel management and central reservation systems. He has worked in the software industry for almost 25 years and has written over a hundred systems in many different computing environments. He is an Oracle Master and an expert with large online transaction databases and distributed/open systems.

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John Connor is the CTO and Senior VP of Business Development at ASG Software Solutions. He oversees the strategic direction of ASG's technology and advises on ASG partnerships, technology alliances, and acquisitions, bringing over 30 years of technology and management experience to the company. He speaks worldwide on automation and enterprise-systems management, and has authored over 40 articles for various journals, most recently on ITIL in BCS Review.