



## Welcome Fall Semester Interns!

Two Boston University seniors have joined MassEcon as fall semester interns. Elsa Crozier is senior studying Public Relations. She is from Connecticut but loves being in Boston and has previous experience in event planning, PR, and social media management. Danielle Escamilla is studying Math and Economics with a minor in Education. Originally from Los Angeles, Danielle has enjoyed living in the Boston area, and hopes to study Educational Policy and explore how education intersects with economics.



## Economic Impact Awards Finalists Deliver 1-Minute Pitches!

Eighteen companies from across the state delivered 1-minute pitches on why they should be chosen for a 2018 Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Award. The finalists were selected from a pool of 100+ companies, and the winners will be announced in October. For profiles of finalist companies, click [here](#). For photos, click [here](#) and stay tuned for event videos. Thank you to Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP for hosting the event.



Interested in joining the Awards Committee?  
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## Economic Impact Awards Sponsorships

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## MassEcon Blog Celebrating 25 Years!

Check out the [blog](#) on *MassIt's All Here* commemorating MassEcon's 25th Anniversary where you can learn more about our evolution as an organization and continuity across administrations!

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# Upcoming Events

## Members Meeting: Building Union Point with Tomorrow's Technology

**When:** Friday, September 28, 8 - 10 a.m.

**Where:** 200 Friberg Parkway, Westborough

**Featured Speaker:** Ryan Blackmon, VP Advanced Technologies at Union Point

LStar Ventures, a developer of master-planned communities, is building a new city at Union Point, the site of the former naval air station in South Weymouth. The 1500-acre site, which happens to be one of the largest remaining developable parcels in the Boston area, is being built to adapt future technological advances in urban living. Optimus Ride has begun testing autonomous vehicles at Union Point, and GE will use Union Point as a lab for testing new products and as a showroom for working systems. Read more in this [New York Times](#) article.

As the LStar Ventures Vice President of Advanced Technologies, Ryan Blackmon leads the Smart Cities and Sustainability Initiatives at Union Point, working closely with urban technology partners like GE, Arup, and Optimus Ride to follow best practices in sustainable design, mobility and resilient energy systems. As the Assistant General Counsel, he provides legal assistance to the General Counsel and senior leadership team.

RSVP to [Annie](#).

## Economic Impact Awards Luncheon

**When:** Tuesday, November 20, Noon - 2 p.m.

**Where:** Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel - 606 Congress Street, Boston

Watch for registration!

## Annual Meeting and Holiday Lunch

**When:** Wednesday, December 12 (NOTE NEW DATE)

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Members Meeting

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.: Holiday Lunch

**Where:** UMass Club - 1 Beacon Street, Boston

Watch for registration!

Thank you to event sponsor [Unitil](#)!





### DCU Expanded Into Chelmsford

The Digital Federal Credit Union (better known as DCU), the largest credit union in New England measured by assets, purchased the former headquarters of **Kronos**, with plans to use this space as an administrative building. Read more [here](#).

Thank you to Massport's CEO **Tom Glynn**, and NAIOP's CEO **David Begelfer** for your contributions to MassEcon and the state's economic health. Best wishes as you move on to your next endeavors!

Congratulations to **Aerotek** for being named a Staffing Industry Leader by Staffing Industry Analysts. Read more [here](#).

As part of a rebranding effort, Boston real estate firm NAI Hunneman is now called **Hunneman** but the company will remain an affiliate of NAI Global. More changes are underway at the company with Stephen Prozinski as the new CEO and a [new company logo](#). Read more [here](#).

The **City of Framingham** launched its new database, **Open Data Framingham**, which will allow residents and business owners to browse data and track progress on city goals. Read more [here](#).

Congratulations to 14 **Bowditch & Dewey** attorneys, who have been named **2019 Best Lawyers in America**. Read more [here](#).

**MassMEDIC** President Emeritus Tom Sommer spoke with **Bloomberg Baystate Business** about the impact of a trade deal with Mexico on local medical device producers. Listen [here](#).

**Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program** supported 88 Winthrop high school and college students in summer jobs with community organizations. Read more [here](#).

**MassDevelopment** hired four redevelopment experts to help redevelopment initiatives in four cities. Read more [here](#).

**#2893:** MassEcon has been contacted by a California-based real estate firm representing a major confidential consumer products HQ operation considering downtown Boston. The company already has a presence in Boston and will consider an onsite expansion. MassEcon is expecting more project information from the real estate firm regarding next steps. **Update: MassEcon, MOBD, City of Boston, and MassEcon member Winter Wyman have been assisting the real estate firm and client company with the information they need.**

**#2894:** MassEcon, MassBio, MOBD, MLSC, and MassDevelopment are working with a bio-manufacturing prospect that needs 50 acres to build a 250,000 SF facility and land for future expansion, within a 90-minute drive from Cambridge. The company will employ 150 to start. Multiple states and countries are being considered at this time. A site will be selected in mid-2019. **Update: MassEcon has submitted 19 sites throughout Massachusetts for review.**

**#2895:** MassEcon and the EDC of Western MA have been assisting a Connecticut-based real estate broker representing a Connecticut company considering Western Massachusetts for a bottling facility. A 450,000 SF building is needed, or 15-20 acres to build-to-suit. The client hopes to select a location by Q1 2019.

**#2896:** MassEcon and MLSC are working with a bio-manufacturing client that needs 12,000 SF. Half of the space will be devoted to Biosafety Level (BSL) Class 2 lab, and half to GMP manufacturing. **Notes: Turnkey is ideal, but client is willing to fit out space. Multi-tenant building is fine, but must have own dedicated HVAC system.**

### Approval of Economic Development Incentives for Companies Across MA

The state's Economic Assistance Coordinating Council certified five projects that will be eligible to receive investment tax credits (with one company, Humana, eligible for future consideration) as well as local incentives from their host communities. An additional four companies were approved to enter local property-tax agreements with municipalities. These projects are expected to **create 890 new jobs, retain 2,121 jobs, and leverage \$136 million in private investment.**

**North Central MA Development Corporation** will host a series of events and programs highlighting its developments as part of national manufacturing month. Read more [here](#).

Tom Curry, a partner in the Corporate and Transactions department at **Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP** commented on financial tech charters in *The Wall Street Journal*. Read more [here](#).

Please send Member News to [Annie](#).

Here are the approved companies:

- Spencer Technologies, *Medway*
- Plastic Distributors and Fabricators, *Haverhill*
- Hardline Heat Treating, *Southbridge*
- Fall River Hat Company dba Korber Hats, *Fall River*
- Humana Insurance Company, *Boston*
- IPG Photonics Corporation, *Oxford*
- Primetals Technologies USA, *Sutton*
- Freudenberg Medical, *Beverly*
- Camia LLC/Myers Information Systems, *Westfield*

Learn more [here](#).

## Staff *In Action*

**Susan Houston's** month included working with the Program & Events Committee; securing Senate President Spilka as featured speaker for the VIP Reception at the Economic Impact Awards Luncheon (thank you to Doug Landry!); supporting the deliberations of the impact awards judging teams; working with members of the MA Marketing Partnership Board on branding for Massachusetts; and developing a transition plan for the incoming Executive Director (soon to be announced!)

**Doug Kehlhem** has been working on several new site selection requests with partners and members. Doug met with many partners and members of MassEcon over the last month from the City of Boston, Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, PM Group, and the Marlborough EDC. Doug will be attending the CoreNet Global Summit next month in Boston.

**Annie O'Connell** recruited the fall semester interns and executed the Finalists Reception. She participated in the Economic Impact Awards regional deliberation calls and program committee meeting. Additionally, she attended the GZA client appreciation night and next week she will begin her women's leadership program with the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce.

## 2018 CALENDAR

### SEP 28

Members Meeting  
Featured Speaker: Ryan Blackmon

### NOV 20

Team Massachusetts Economic  
Impact Awards

### DEC 12

Annual Meeting and Holiday Lunch

## 2019 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### JAN 18

Members Meeting

### FEB 7

Board Meeting

### MAR 15

Members Meeting

### JUN 14

Annual Conference

### JUL 10

Summer Reception

### SEP 11

Economic Impact Awards-Finalists Reception

**APR 4**  
Board Meeting

**APR 10**  
Corporate Welcome Reception

**APR 23**  
MassEcon Mixer

**MAY 17**  
Members Meeting

**JUN 6**  
Board Meeting

**SEP 27**  
Members Meeting

**OCT 3**  
Board Meeting

**NOV 26**  
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