**NATIONAL TRENDS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Wall Street Journal – More business school graduates are opting for jobs in tech and consulting**

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/why-banks-are-losing-the-battle-for-m-b-a-talent-1528277402?mod=e2fb>

Good news for SUNY New Paltz M.B.A. graduates and Ulster County businesses with a footprint in the thriving technology sector: A *Wall Street Journal* analysis reveals that more M.B.A. graduates are choosing jobs in tech and consulting, despite banks’ efforts to attract top talent by raising starting salaries.

**Fast Company – productivity**

<https://www.fastcompany.com/40579176/whats-ruining-your-sleep>

Focus, time management, decision making and other productivity issues are all impacted by whether or not you are getting enough zzzz’s. The first episode of *Fast Company’s* new podcast, “Secrets of the Most Productive People,” features expert advice from Gary Zammit, executive director of the Sleep Disorders Institute.

**EDUCATION AND NETWORKING CONFERENCES – INSIDE AND BEYOND OUR REGION**

**The 4th Annual Fast Company Innovation Festival**

<https://events.fastcompany.com/fcny/>

The Fast Company Innovation Festival returns to New York City the week of October 22, with more than 150 events covering tech, design, leadership, creativity, fashion, healthcare and more. Early bird pricing expires July 10, 2018.

**HUDSON VALLEY TECH SECTOR**

**Kingston - Grand Central Tech**

<https://www.chronogram.com/hudsonvalley/hudson-valley-tech-industry-sees-no-signs-of-stopping/Content?oid=5034540>

“Grand Central Tech found in the Hudson Valley an established tech community that continues to grow and thrive on a mission reflective of the ‘triple bottom line’ philosophy in accounting. Every entrepreneur seeks financial success, but along with that is achievement socially and environmentally.” The giant NYC accelerator has rented an 8,000 square-foot space at the Senate Garage, and will open in July, part of a growing movement of tech-based entities that want to call the Hudson Valley home.

“I watched this cycle wane with I.B.M. leaving [Ulster County in 1996], and then watched a completely new kind of tech economy emerge,” says [Ulster County Executive Mike] Hein about the current landscape. “It's, to me, nothing short of extraordinary.”

**LOCAL BUSINESS LEADER PROFILES**

**Rifton**

<https://hudsonvalleyone.com/2018/06/06/a-days-work-sign-maker/>

The 85-member Esopus Business Alliance celebrates its 9th anniversary this month, says the group’s president, Howie Slotnick, who owns a Rifton-based sign making business that creates visible brand identities for businesses from Newburgh to Albany and beyond. He is an enthusiastic proponent of business networking. “I realize what it can do for any business and what it’s done for my business, and that’s what it’s all about, bringing the community together.” Slotnick also serves as chairman of the Town of Esopus Economic Development Committee, which wants to attract more businesses seeking to develop Esopus with smart growth.

**ULSTER COUNTY “THINGS TO DO” RELATED TO MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS**

**Ulster County – farmers’ markets/agriculture/tourism**

<https://ulstercountyalive.com/landing/ulster-countys-bountiful-farmers-markets>

‘Tis the season—to go to the source for bountiful produce, fresh meats and other goods that are homegrown and produced right here in Ulster County! Talk with the growers while selecting the best of their seasonal crops. Some vendors offer cooking demonstrations, award-winning wines and cheeses, locally made craft items and more at markets in Ellenville, Saugerties, Woodstock, Kingston, New Paltz, Milton, Gardiner and Rosendale.

**Kingston – arts, culture, economic development, history and architecture**

Website: [www.blauweissfilms.com/kpo](http://www.blauweissfilms.com/kpo)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/events/1618049528292183](http://www.facebook.com/events/1618049528292183)

A new book about “The Life & Death of the Kingston Post Office” will be unveiled at the Arts Society of Kingston (A.S.K.) on June 21 at 7 p.m. The free photo presentation and talk by Stephen Blauweiss features rare photos from the architecturally stunning post office and the surrounding Midtown neighborhood. Learn more about the city’s fascinating history; reception to follow plus a sneak peak at the book.

**Kingston – non-profit waterfront event linked to statewide tourism/arts and culture/history**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/353988771789124/>

Are you fascinated by glassmaking—and a history buff too? The celebration of the 150th anniversary of glassmaking’s journey from Brooklyn to Corning is coming to the Kingston Waterfront’s Hudson River Maritime Museum on June 15-17. The Corning Museum of Glass has launched GlassBarge, a floating glassmaking studio, and tickets are available for free demonstrations. Reservations are strongly encouraged.