Are you familiar with **Triple Cities Makerspace**? If not, please go to [www.tcmakerspace.com](http://www.tcmakerspace.com) and check it out.

Triple Cities Makerspace, Inc. is a 24/7 collaborative workspace and education center with the aim to bring together hackers, makers, artists, creatives, geeks, and technology enthusiasts.

Below is a hackathon meetup being planned for March 2016-please go to the links in the message below for more information. The e-mail below was sent to the Watson listserv 2/3/2016.

Good morning, friends and colleagues!

As some of you may already know, yours truly from Southern Tier Capital Fund along with Tony Frontera and Ken Rother from the Southern Tier Startup Alliance are making progress toward launching our Southern Tier Hardware Hackathon competition. We have received a lot of support from the Entrepreneur and Innovation Partnerships office of the University and we have been talking to the Triple Cities Makerspace to enroll their help as well. Additionally, I have also reached out to Professor Lofthouse who chairs the Engineering dept at SUNY Broome. If you could spread the word to those in your network, this would be great.

For those who are wondering what in the world a hardware hackathon is, please see:

What is a hack?
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1brum0MIqA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1brum0MIqA)

What is a hackathon?
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5uIL-jqFJ5w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5uIL-jqFJ5w)

We sent out a survey some months back and received a strong number of respondents who were experienced with the materials we will be providing for the competition. We are tentatively planning to start the event starting on the evening of March 18th. We envision some form of judging and prizes. We are planning to hold the competition at the University and they have generously offered use of their new technology lab within the computer center which has nine 3D printers, electronics workbench, oscilloscopes, soldering irons, etc. A former engineer from Lockheed runs the lab and will be helping us run the competition.

We are having an open meetup to discuss the hackathon on Feb 11th at 6pm at the University's ITC building. Here is a link where you can RSVP to the meetup and share the link with others in your network.


The purpose of the meeting is to gauge the interest and skill level of competitors so we can plan an exciting and fun competition. We are also planning an introduction to hardware hacking workshop with details TBD.
If you or your organization would like to help us sponsor the event, we would love to put up a banner at the event and include your name in press releases, social media, and email marketing. Sponsorship does not need to be monetary, so let's discuss if interested. If you have a mailing list, we would love to have your help spreading the word about the meetup, workshop and event.

We also welcome participation from any faculty members and staff.

Any questions, please let me know.

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