

# INNOVATE ORLANDO, an innovation-celebrating coffee-table book, to drop in late 2019

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ORLANDO, FLORIDA, USA, August 6, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Global Village Publishing's INNOVATE ORLANDO](#), a coffee-table book that showcases the City Beautiful's innovators and innovation enablers, is set for release at the end of 2019. The book features organizations and startups across all industries, with individual stories serving as the threads of a larger tapestry of and homage to Orlando.

Alongside heavy-hitters like Lockheed Martin, Florida Citrus Sports, Florida Funders, and the University of Central Florida, INNOVATE ORLANDO includes up-and-coming organizations like AireHealth, winner of this year's Rise of the Rest Seed Fund competition; Rally, an accelerator for social enterprises; and Starter Studio, which supports startups through coworking spaces, funding, and programming. Simulation companies—Serious Simulations, Engineering & Computer Simulations, Datanautix, Design Interactive, and SoarTech among them—speak to Orlando's bright future in gaming and simulation. Long-established companies like Hernon Manufacturing and Amazon Hose and Rubber, which celebrates its centennial anniversary this year, also have a home in INNOVATE ORLANDO's pages.

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What stood out to us as we put together INNOVATE ORLANDO is all the good that the city is doing across the board, It's truly inspiring.”

*Callie Van Graan, COO, Global Village Ventures*

“INNOVATE ORLANDO is an awesome snapshot of just how diverse and forward-thinking the city really is,” says Carel “Callie” Van Graan, COO of Global Village Publishing. “It's easy to think only of Disney and NASA when we think of Orlando, but this book reveals so many other facets of the city. Its future is as fascinating as its past.”

Companies like Space Florida, Helical Communication Technologies, Sensatek, and others reveal a new version of the Space Coast, while



Innovate Orlando - Beautiful Coffee Table Book showcasing Orlando Innovators

INNOVATE ORLANDO also showcases a variety of schools and universities, all of which are as focused on innovation as any funder or start-up. Young Innovators and the Amazing Explorers Academy, both founded by Marnie Forestieri, are STEAM-focused (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) preschools that helps children take charge of their learning from an early age. Florida Polytechnic U is the state's only public polytechnic university. Other schools that will be featured include Crummer Graduate School of Business, Crummer School, and Crooms Academy of Information Management Science. The Entrepreneurial Intern Pursuit, which aids businesses in growing, is also featured. Eduworks, whose founder invented a method for teaching math, will also be found in INNOVATE ORLANDO's Education Pavilion.

"So many of these companies and organizations are on the cutting edge of their industries, and it's exciting for us to be the ones to shed light on their endeavors," says Sven Boormeester, Global Village Publishing's founder and CEO. "There are world-changing things happening in Orlando and we want everyone to know it."

Others of Orlando's innovative companies might come as a surprise to readers. Mini Materials, the world's leading producer of miniature-scale building materials, calls Orlando home, as does V&D Electric Bikes and MyJet Travel Pillows, which are doctor-developed by Florida native Michael Majette. Flux Engineering makes liquid-based systems for cooling gaming consoles; LightPath

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Technologies manufactures state-of-the-art optics for a variety of applications; deux mains creates sustainable jobs through its production of shoes made from used tires; OptiGrate designs and produces volume Bragg gratings (VBG) filters and components; and Millebot offers mobile lab space for 3D printers and other large technologies. Quick Response Fire Protection is based in Orlando as is RideSurf, an app that helps users catch safe, cross-country rides.

INNOVATE ORLANDO participants worked with Global Village Publishing's in-house production team to create their stories—and ultimately, the city of Orlando's. A launch party for later in the year is in the works as well.

Sven Boermeester, CEO and Founder of Global Village Publishing, an avid traveler, first conceived of creating city-celebrating coffee-table books as a kind of love letter to the different cities he traveled to. Born in Antwerp and raised in South Africa, Boermeester opened his first media company upon completing his business studies in Cape Town and since then has published over 183 INNOVATE and BEST OF editions across 60 countries.

Carel "Callie" Van Graan, Global Village Publishing's COO, possesses a similar wanderlust. As a serial entrepreneur with deep experience in marketing, branding, and logistics—and having traveled the world with his family—Van Graan is well-suited to bringing the INNOVATE series into being.

"We want to make the awesomeness that is Orlando impossible to ignore," Van Graan says. "We're proud to bring all of these stories to people's attention, both in Orlando and beyond."

INNOVATE ORLANDO will be available through Amazon and on the Global Village Publishing website.

#### ABOUT GLOBAL VILLAGE PUBLISHING

Global Village Publishing produces high-end, tech-enabled coffee-table books that feature cities around the world. Its series include INNOVATE—which celebrates the innovators and innovation enablers that make a city awesome—and the BEST OF series, each book a snapshot of the people, places, and businesses of different global locales. By teaming up with publishing partners on the ground in the cities featured, and by ditching the pay-to-play publication model, Global Village Publishing captures the ecosystem of a place and sees the world as an ever-growing tribe of entrepreneurs, colleagues, and friends. Learn more at [globalvillage.world](http://globalvillage.world).

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