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Top Story > \$4.4 Billion Nanotechnology Investment Signals That New York State is Open for Business



With Bill Clinton on hand, Andrew Cuomo's \$4.4 Billion Nano Announcement points to an Empire State ready for Economic Expansion



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“We won a very important competition globally... Why? Because we are New York. That's why we won it.”

A distinct grin of satisfaction was present on New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's face as he announced at the “New York is Open for Business” consortium that five global technology companies will be investing \$4.4 billion dollars in to semiconductor research to be based in upstate New York.

The investment — by Intel, IBM, Samsung, Global Foundries and TSMC — will create 2,500 high-technology jobs as well as 1,900 construction jobs, according to the governor's office. Supported by the substantial corporate investment into computer chip research, these new jobs will be based at the Albany Nanotech (CNSE) complex with Intel, at IBM in East Fishkill, SUNYIT in Utica, the CNSE's facility in Canandaigua and Yorktown Heights, Cuomo said that the deal would also ensure that 2,500 existing jobs in Albany, Canandaigua and East Fishkill will be retained.

Over the past two decades, New York State and the University at Albany have invested heavily in a growing nanotechnology sector. \$400 million dollars in state aid has been slated to go directly to SUNY's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering in Albany. This announcement was paired with a new grass roots regional economic development model for the state of New York.

Significant praise was given to CNSE's chief, Dr. Alain E. Kaloyeros, who Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver stated was the true visionary of the economic development factor that nanotechnology has played in the Empire State's growth in the segment over the past twenty years. CNSE's birth from one building on Fuller Road (CESTM) has grown to a multi-billion dollar facility that has attracted over 250 partner companies from across the world.

CNSE had recently come under criticism over plans over a new complex adjacent to its current facilities at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Fuller Road.

“The ‘New York Open for Business’ campaign will get the message out to companies throughout the world that New York is a premier place for businesses to invest and grow,” Governor Cuomo said. “As we continue to transform Albany's approach to economic development, we must emphasize the many advantages New York has to offer, including our central location, our wealth of resources, our unequalled network of colleges and universities, and our diverse, innovative, educated and hard-working residents. With this campaign, we will help build a stronger economy and foster greater private investment throughout New York State.”

In recent years, New York has been battling against a national image as having one of the worst business climates in the nation. Businesses have left the state in record numbers over the last decade and job losses have devastated local communities in the greater upstate regions. According to the Governor's office “New York Open for Business” initiative has been established to promote the many assets of investing as New York regains its footing as a business-friendly state. • KL

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“Did you want banana peppers,” said Christopher Salley, working behind the counter at the Hudson River Coffee House in midtown Albany. It's a busy night - open mic is taking place among students working on their first assignments of the year.

Salley, 20, is a junior at the University at Albany. A Psychology and Communication major, he chose UAlbany for a number of reasons - one being that the campus had his interests, another being cost.

A Staten Island, N.Y. native, Salley - like a number of students within the State University of New York system - does not receive aid through grants or loans and pays out of pocket. In addition to working at the coffee house, Salley works as a resident assistant and serves as vice president for the university's undergraduate student government.

“On the surface, it's a good idea. I don't know if every school is doing it for the right reasons,” said Salley. *(con't on back side)*

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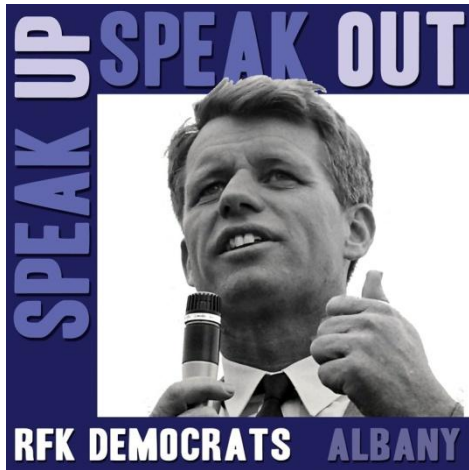


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What's It Mean To 'Beyu' (Be Yourself)?



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Recently at Larkfest, Zu raised that question and asked "What's it mean to 'beyu'?" Beyu: It's Not What You Wear. It's Who You Are. So it inspired me to rethink what it means to me.

From a young age, I always felt and knew I was different than most people I knew, but for a long time, I played by the "rules." I did what I thought was "right" rather than define what right meant for me. I fully admit that I am still struggling with that, but can say I've come a long way. I've learned to love myself for exactly who I am, I can look deep within myself to endure the journey to change if needed, but what I seem to still be battling with is this whole "rules" thing.

My whole idea of "beyu" and what it means to me has evolved as I understand myself more. I use to see it as just loving exactly who you are, respecting your own differences, and owning all of that! Now, I see that the most beautiful thing about being yourself is creating your own rules. To me, part of being yourself is being secure enough with who you are that you gladly create and play by your own rules no matter how anyone else may view it or view you. It is obviously easier said and done, but I think once it gets done, it just gets easier from there.

For example, I have an idea or ideal of what I believe a relationship should entail. Perhaps it's from watching too many Disney movies, reading too many magazines, or seeing the great love my parents have. Whatever it might be, it has been my one of my greatest struggles. I am always in fear that if my relationship doesn't reflect what I have in my head that it's not "right." My first mistake is believing there's a right way to have a relationship. My second mistake is comparing. My third mistake is fearing because of it. And last but not least, my biggest mistake is allowing others to define it for me.

It's easy for me to blame it on the fact that I am a girl and I get emotional, but looking deep within myself, I know it's because my ideal idea of what a relationship should be isn't what is in front of me. What is in front of me is a choice -the choice to let the relationship define itself so it can be free to be itself or to not. Just because it's not my "ideal," it doesn't mean it's wrong. It could be and is the great love I've always wanted. All I have to do now is allow it to be.

Obviously this doesn't only apply to relationships, but with all things in my life and in each of our lives. When we can be aware that we can't change that ideas and ideals are going to be planted into our heads and grasp that all we can do is decide what works and doesn't work for us, our lives would automatically be less stressful.

I would say we should create new ideals for ourselves, but I don't think ideals work if you are brave enough to break the mold. So I think if we're going to break the cycle of recycling ideals, it's better if we go with creating new ideas about what each experience means to us. Not only create those ideas for ourselves, but practice doing so with as much of an unbiased and neutral perspective as possible. I believe for me and many others it's one of the ultimate and truest way to "beyu." • **KL**

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Story: With future SUNY tuition reform, the cost and use of funds by institutions at center of deal for students, alumni, and critics

On August 9, New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed into law the enactment of NYSUNY2020, a program set to give SUNY and CUNY schools the ability to raise tuition up to \$300 per year for five years. Additionally, it gives the four university centers – Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, and Stony Brook – increased funding through a "challenge grant" of \$140 million – a combination of \$80 million in capital funding and \$60 million of existing SUNY funds.

"The \$140 million in new capital funding will build these schools into America's leading institutions of research and innovation, while also creating jobs for New Yorkers and improving our state's economic competitiveness. Under the new tuition plan, students and parents will be able to reasonably plan for college expenses instead of being subject to the dramatic tuition increases and uncertainty of the past," Cuomo said in a statement released after the signing.

Ana Urena, 21, is a senior at the University at Albany. A Bronx, N.Y. native, Urena majors in Spanish and intends to continue her education as she will pursue a Master's in Spanish. Like Salley, she is a resident assistant.

Urena only applied to the University at Albany, mainly because of the cost. "I've seen the University invest other areas of campus life, not the foundation which is education. They're cutting programs that are critical to any public institution because at the end of the day, not everyone is focused in nanoscience or wants to pursue a degree in any kind of science, and I feel they're narrowing it down," Urena says.

Unlike Salley, Urena has a mix of federally subsidized and private loans to pay for her education.

"It seems a little unfair that the taxes my parents pay are going to an institution that is supposed to be helping me complete my education and instead I have to pay my own price as well," says Urena, in response to various funding allocation changes that have been done to SUNY programs. • **KL**

This is the first part of a three-part series highlighting reform and opinion surrounding the State University of New York and its leadership. Interviews were conducted from August 2011 through September 2011.

Part 2: Reaction from SOS and Student Assembly President Kaitlyn Beachner.

Sports > NFL

N.Y. Giants take Philadelphia Eagles to school of hard knocks, 29-16



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I had a dream, and in this dream Michael Vick was sidelined due to a broken right hand, Jeremy Maclin left the game due to a strained hamstring, and a relentless Giants defensive line was putting pressure on the Eagles quarterback all game. I soon came to realize that my dream was actually reality and the reality was that on Sunday afternoon, the Giants put a beating on the "Dream Team" Philadelphia Eagles, with the final score reading the Giants 29 and the Eagles 16.

Even with the injuries piling up, Tom Coughlin always prepares his team for battle. He knows injuries are a part of the game and that he expects his players to step up and earn a spot on the team. That's exactly what Victor Cruz did on Sunday. With Mario Manningham out, Cruz took his spot and did not disappoint. The 6 foot, 204 pound wide receiver took advantage of this playing time and put up some major numbers along with some amazing athletic plays during the game. Cruz caught three passes for 110 yards and two touchdowns. I have watched him practice with the Giants and he is very talented and can develop into an elite wide receiver if given the opportunity and with the injury to Manningham and his performance against the Eagles, he might get that opportunity in the upcoming weeks.

Eli Manning and the Giants offense came out and played tough football. Manning's performance was at elite status on Sunday, throwing for 254 yards and four touchdowns (2-Cruz, 1-Jacobs, 1-Bradshaw). He made good reads at the line of scrimmage and picked apart the Eagles defense one quarter at a time.

As hard and tough as the Giants offense played, their defense is what stole the show. A defense led by Jason Pierre-Paul, Michael Boley and Aaron Ross made Michael Vick and the Eagle offense very uncomfortable. It started when Vick and the Eagles marched down the field and was evident that they were going to score until Aaron Ross intercepted a pass thrown by Vick (one of three interceptions thrown by the Eagles quarterbacks). It wasn't until a hard hit by defensive tackle Chris Canty sent Vick to the locker room later to be diagnosed as a broken right hand. Two weeks in a row Vick had to leave the game (concussion the week before) leaving the Eagles backup Mike Kafka to be slaughtered by a Giants defense that sacked him and intercepted him twice.

In an NFC East rivalry game, the Giants outplayed the Eagles both physically and mentally. They played tough football and the Eagles were not prepared for that kind of game and it was obvious the Giants were the better team that day. This was a well needed win by a team who have tremendous heart and determination and will never give up even when injuries plague that organization and that starts with great coaching and drafting players that are unselfish and have amazing skill. Moving forward to next week's game against the Arizona Cardinals, I expect the same results as this week. The Giants defense are going to bring pressure to Kevin Kolb. My prediction for next week is that the Giants defeat the Cardinals by a score of 28-17. • **KL**

Your Choice > 2012 Presidential Field He's In? He's Not? N.J. Gov. Christie keeps them guessing about 2012



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New Jersey Governor Chris Christie remains the looming challenger in the distance for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination, as the former prosecutor keeps the door open in remarks given at a speech at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif. on Tuesday evening.

The governor, who was elected in 2009 by defeating incumbent Democratic Gov. Jon Corzine, remains the unofficial favorite of many establishment Republicans such as former First Lady Barbara Bush and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, according to the New York Post.

The race – currently being led by Texas Gov. Rick Perry and former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney – is seen as lackluster as the GOP tried to come around a consensus candidate to defeat President Obama in just over 14 months. However, a number of questions remain about a potential Christie candidacy, ranging from Christie only now two years into his governorship, his health, and the ability to actually create jobs.

A huge criticism of Obama has been the lack of experience (four years in the U.S. Senate) before becoming President. Christie would have 3/4 of that experience – executive experience, however – but would remain under a similar scrutiny.

Unlike Obama (outside of cigarette smoking), Christie isn't exactly the bill of health and has struggled with weight problems for years. In July, Christie was hospitalized for breathing problems and was released shortly after.

New Jersey job creation had been built off reducing public sector employees to now the lowest level in eight years and largely through the expansion of lower-income jobs.

Christie's brash and tough guy style of politics, which has won him independent praise from the Tea Party activists and business moguls alike. Making his name for himself as a U.S. Attorney, Christie translated that into a political career that many want to see capstone in the White House in 2012. • **KL**



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