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## **CHICOSTART & BUTTE COLLEGE CREATE SPACE TO EXTEND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ACCESS TO THE NORTH STATE**

**Chico, CA:** [Chicostart](#) and the [Butte College Create Space Maker Lab](#) have partnered to provide added advanced technology resources to Chicostart, growTECH and Stoble Workplace, allowing equitable access to entrepreneurs, small and medium business, and students. This partnership will also be beneficial in creating a more solidified relationship for Chicostart's entrepreneurial community locally as its reach expands through the North State.

The Butte College Create Space makerspace offers students, community members, and local business and industry, advanced technology not found anywhere else in Butte County. The Space is set up to allow easy access, and the Create Space faculty, technicians, and students are always available to help with using the equipment and producing projects. The Butte College Create Space is located in the ARTS building on the main Butte College campus located in Oroville. The space consists of an indoor area that encompasses zones for laser cutting, electronics, 3D printing, jewelry, sewing, mold making/Vacuum forming, t-shirt printing, virtual reality, and large-format printing.

*"As the iHub2 for the North State, this partnership promotes social inclusion in this subregion for inclusive community membership and programming. Butte College's Create Space also encourages environmentally sustainable practices. The potential of makerspaces has the potential to contribute to more inclusive and sustainable forms of local economic and community development - from basic skills training to rapid prototyping to upskilling - this really enriches our region!"* stated Eva Shepherd-Nicoll, Executive Director, Chicostart

Daniel Donnely, Create Space Lead, Butte College says, *"The Butte College Makerspace will benefit in multiple ways with this collaboration and connecting with start-up companies, and local businesses and industry. Our knowledgeable Makerspace students will be able to make valuable connections with these businesses and individuals. While helping to use our*

*equipment and develop projects, our students will learn about potential employment opportunities, build their portfolios, and get a better understanding of how the equipment and processes work in real-world situations and environments."*

*"The partnership is a wonderful benefit for our businesses and our students. I am excited to participate in this cross collaboration between makers and entrepreneurs. Chicostart daily inspires startups, and the Create Space is well known for inspiring our students. Get ready for some magic!" - Wendy Porter, Employer Engagement, California Community Colleges*

For media inquiries or to learn more about Chicostart resources, growTECH membership or how to access the Butte College Create Space Maker Space please contact Eva Shepherd-Nicoll, Executive Director of Chicostart at [eva@chicostart.com](mailto:eva@chicostart.com).

**About Chicostart:** Chicostart supports and enriches Northern California's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem by providing small business, entrepreneurs and startups the resources they need to succeed. Our platform includes shared office amenities, mentoring, workshops, internships, tech talks, student to business projects, entrepreneurial events, satellite office programs, and anything else that helps our core mission of helping startups succeed. As a GO-BIZ iHub for the Far North, the Chicostart ecosystem includes but is not limited to investors, technologists, entrepreneurs, students, educators, local businesses, agencies and mentors.

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