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Dr. Dennis Rebelo Joins the Berkshire Innovation Center as Chief Learning Officer

Pittsfield, MA (September 14, 2022) – The Chief Learning Officer is a newly created position at the Berkshire Innovation Center (BIC) and in this role, Dr. Rebelo will integrate educational programming into the BIC’s member offerings and community learning opportunities, working collaboratively with the executive leadership team. Educational experiences will take the form of in-person events, day-long workshops, pop-up training programs as well as distance-based and hybrid learning offerings.

“I am energized and honored to join the BIC in this new role which will connect member organizations, academic & research institutions, and community partners to innovation-driven learning opportunities.”

Dr. Rebelo will be instrumental in the launch of the BIC Manufacturing Academy. The BIC Manufacturing Academy, made possible through a \$914K grant from the Department of Commerce, is designed to address persistent challenges facing the manufacturing economy in the Berkshire region. Dr. Rebelo will be playing a key role as the BIC builds the Academy with MIT, the Mass Tech Collaborative, and local industry and academic partners.

On November 2, 2022 the BIC will be hosting an event to mark Dr. Rebelo’s arrival, at which time he will be conducting a special presentation in-service to BIC member organizations entitled, “High Stakes Public Speaking for Technologists & Innovation-Driven Organizations”.

Dr. Rebelo has served as executive coach to presidents of health systems, leaders at life science firms, manufacturing organizations and community-based organizations. He has also worked in higher education as a professor of Technology, Leadership and Management at Roger Williams University in Providence, RI earning the Thomas J. Carroll Teacher-of-the-Year Award in 2020.

In addition, Dr. Rebelo was a co-founder of The Sports Mind Institute, the former President of Alex and Ani University and creator of the digital tool *StoryPathing™ for Career Development*. He is also the author of the best-selling book, *Story Like You Mean It, how to build and use your personal narrative to illustrate who you really are*.



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“We’re thrilled to have Dr. Rebelo join our team”, says Ben Sosne, Executive Director at the BIC, “and I look forward to working with him to develop key programming initiatives to support skill development of employees, members and partners. Dennis is a gifted and experienced professional who is passionate about the Berkshires and eager to play a key role as we expand our reach and amplify our impact.”

BIC Board Chair Stephen Boyd added, “We’ve long envisioned the BIC as a regional hub for world-class professional development and learning experiences. Dr. Rebelo is a widely recognized leader in organizational development and individualized life-long learning plans. Dennis is a very approachable professional and a growth minded strategic thinker. His addition to the BIC Management Team will allow the Center to curate educational programs like the BIC Manufacturing Academy with our academic partners and industry members. Our goal is to institutionalize a host of new educational opportunities for the advantage of all BIC stakeholders.”

Dr. Rebelo lives in Rhode Island with his wife and 3 Australian Shepards. He has recently purchased a home in the Berkshires and in his free time he enjoys antique automobiles, art, live music events and hiking.

About Berkshire Innovation Center

The Berkshire Innovation Center serves as a catalyst to spark innovation and sustainable growth of technology-focused companies. We do this through programs that promote learning and enrich people in technology-led career paths and by providing research and innovation space for people and companies to explore new technologies, all while convening and connecting a community of like-minded people. For more information, visit: BerkshireInnovationCenter.com

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