

Inventables CEO to Deliver Keynote at Technori in Chicago, Timed with Launch of 3D Carver Crowdfunding Platform for Schools

Founder and CEO of Inventables, Zach Kaplan to Announce Update on White House “Nation of Makers” Program; Launch of 3D Carver Crowdfunding Platform for Schools

CHICAGO, IL – March 28, 2016 – [Inventables](#) Founder and CEO, Zach Kaplan, will keynote at the [Technori – Maker Movement](#) in Chicago on March 29 to discuss the digital manufacturing revolution - leading with 3D carving. Timed with his keynote, Kaplan will announce the launch of its crowdfunding platform for schools, with the goal of having at least one 3D carving machine in every school in the country by the end of the decade.

Digital manufacturing is the next frontier of innovation among inventors, designers, engineers and other creative professionals who are part of the new “maker movement” - independent manufacturing. Inventables is leading the digital manufacturing revolution with its 3D carving ecosystem and free Easel software to help makers succeed.

The launch of the crowdfunding platform is a major update in the company’s “Nation of Makers” initiative, pioneered by the White House and supported by Inventables. Earlier this year, Inventables donated 50 of the company’s “X-Carve” and “Carvey” 3D carving machines to 50 different schools, one in each state. In addition to the 50 that were donated by Inventables over 200 schools have purchased 3D carving machines since the announcement.



Green pins represent schools that have received a 3D carver and red pins are schools that have applied to get one. New pins are added each day as schools express interest and receive their 3D carving machines.

Kaplan will announce the launch of a [crowdfunding platform on Inventables.com](#), where schools around the country can raise funds to receive a 3D carving device for their students that works with Inventables free

software Easel. In addition Inventables has launched a [community forum](#) where educators can share knowledge and best practices related to 3D carving instruction and curriculum.



Inventables Founder and CEO Zach Kaplan has been named to the Crain's Chicago Business 40 Under 40 and has been described as a "modern Leonardo" by the Museum of Science and Industry. With a keen vision for the potential of digital manufacturing and "maker" technology, Kaplan's goal is to create a world of 2 million digital manufacturers with 3D tools. With the White House having announced the 2016 National Week of Making (June 17-23, 2016), this topic is especially timely.

Zach Kaplan's keynote presentation will discuss the following key topics:

- Why 3D literacy is the next important technical skill for students to learn in school. Just like learning how to type or learning desktop publishing during the 1980s and 1990s, 3D manufacturing tools are the new "shop class."
- Why 3D manufacturing will represent the most significant source of net new jobs in the next decade.
- What makes 3D carving essential as the next step in 3D technology: the parts that it can make are store quality and ready to sell.

"Inventables believes that digital manufacturing is the next revolution in digital technology and design, and part of that revolution is going to involve teaching advanced 3D literacy skills to the makers, designers, and engineers of tomorrow," said Zach Kaplan, Founder and CEO of Inventables. "Just like previous generations of students needed to learn computer skills or keyboarding skills, today's students need to get acquainted with the technologies of digital manufacturing to be prepared for the career opportunities of the future. The Nation of Makers begins in schools today – and Inventables is excited to be part of this journey by

connecting schools with crowdfunding opportunities so they can afford high-quality digital manufacturing devices.”

Event Details:

Technori is a monthly showcase for innovative startups in Chicago, sponsored by JP Morgan Chase. The March 2016 Technori event is titled “Maker Movement” and will focus on five top Chicago startups related to the maker movement and digital manufacturing.

Technori March 2016 – “Maker Movement”
Tuesday, March 29 at 6 p.m.
(Pre-event networking at 6 p.m., keynote starts at 7 p.m.)

10 South Dearborn Street
Lower Lobby
Chicago, IL 60603

Tickets: [Eventbrite](#)

The Technori event is open to the public but tickets are required – get a 15% discount by using the Promo code: **Insider15**

About Inventables

Inventables is igniting the digital manufacturing revolution with its 3D carving ecosystem. Their Easel software is available as a free web application. Carvey and X-Carve 3D carvers work seamlessly with Easel to power independent manufacturing.

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