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## Griffiss Institute Showcases Tech Community Successes with Annual Innovare Summer Soiree Celebration

**WHO:** Innovare Tech Community, Media, Utica-Rome  
**WHAT:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Innovare Summer Soiree  
**WHERE:** Innovare Advancement Center, 592 Hangar Rd. Rome, NY 13441  
**WHEN:** July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
**WHY:** The Griffiss Institute is excited to announce the third annual Summer Soiree to celebrate the connections, communications, and successes of the Innovare community and the Griffiss Institute.

This summer, we are celebrating the 55+ visiting professors we are hosting through the Information Institute, 100+ Interns supporting the Department of Defense, 50+ research fellows, 9 HUSTLE Defense Tech startup teams, and the work of all our business partners. We are proud to welcome the community to our largest networking event of the summer to take a moment and enjoy time with one another with good local food, music, and fun.

Spatchcock Funk created two fun recipes to celebrate our successes of the year. Celebrating the quantum technology of the Air Force Research Labs and the advances in quantum computing happening right here at Innovare Advancement Center, these inventions made Quantum Ala Mode. [The video can be found here.](#)

Heather Hage, President and CEO of Griffiss Institute created the Antiquark Mojitos, to celebrate all we contribute in making National Security safer, and making our community more vibrant, by

pushing the boundaries in cyber-security technology. There's nothing like it. [Learn how to make the Innovare Soiree Antiquark Mojito here.](#)

Get a taste of the Mohawk Valley with local food from The Grapevine Mediterranean, Big Papi's Coquito Iceys LLC, and Food Zone Filipino Food. Entertainment will be provided for all ages, from a mobile kids' museum, door prizes, and a business expo. Drinks will be provided by 16 Stones Brewery. Innovare and the Griffiss Institute will be offering rotating facility tours of the Innovare Advancement Center, including the introduction of an Internet of Things Living Lab, exploration of programs, and community business showcase. Sponsors for this event are Quanterion Solutions Inc., NYSTEC, AX Enterprise, and Mohawk Valley EDGE.

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*About Griffiss Institute:*

*The Griffiss Institute cultivates talent and technology that tackles the world's biggest challenges. It does so alongside the United States Department of Defense's Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate (AFRL/RI) and an international network of academic, government, and industry partners. Founded in 2002 in the Mohawk Valley region of Upstate New York, Griffiss Institute has origins as an incubator of ideas. With technology transfer at its core, it forges connections and pathways that enable real-life solutions to make their way from the lab bench to commercial uses. Griffiss Institute continues to elevate and develop the next generation of STEM students, professionals, and technologies that enhance our national security. <https://www.griffissinstitute.org/>*

*About Innovare Advancement Center:*

*The Innovare Advancement Center is a world-class research and collaboration destination with resources rivaling top-tier laboratories. The Center is the focal point of a growing Innovare family that enables discoveries in artificial intelligence, machine learning, cybersecurity, quantum, and unmanned aerial systems – interconnected physically and to a vast network of knowledge and expertise. Home to 40,000 square feet of high-tech and high-speed communications-enabled working spaces, the Innovare Advancement Center also boasts an auditorium with a capacity for over 150 people and an access point to the NY UAS Test Site – a 50-mile drone corridor for advanced unmanned aircraft operations. Learn more at [innovare.org](http://innovare.org).*