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Duniho announces bid for mayor



City Mayoral Candidate Kevin Duniho

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PLATTSBURGH – With the decision this week on who would serve as the city of Plattsburgh's mayor until January, candidates are beginning to throw their hats in the ring for the November election when the voters



Sen. Hillary Clinton (left) listens as Plattsburgh Aeronautical Institute Project Coordinator Jim McCartney (right) talks about the PAI project. Dr. Barry Mack, director of CV-TEC (center) also listens.

Two-day visit covers Plattsburgh, border, Lake Placid, Tupper Lake and southern Adirondacks.

Sen. Clinton tours area projects

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PLATTSBURGH — On Monday, Sen. Hillary Clinton visited the North Country region to tour some of the major projects in the area and check in on the economic development efforts underway.

Clinton began her regional tour with a visit to the former Plattsburgh Air Force Base and the future home of the Plattsburgh Aeronautical Institute (PAI). The PAI, a joint partnership between CV-TEC and Clinton Community College, is renovating a few existing buildings to anchor their campus.

Organizers of the project were on hand to give a presentation to Clinton on the PAI's progress and thank her for the support that she put behind the school's funding.

Dr. Barry Mack, director of CV-TEC, project coordinator Jim McCartney of CV-TEC, Dr. Maurice "Moe" Hickey, president of Clinton

Community College and Dave Lawliss, also of Clinton Community all presented PAI information to Clinton.

Clinton, with the help of Rep. John McHugh, Rep. John Sweeney and Sen. Charles Schumer, secured \$1 million in NASA funding for the

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project.

"Without bipartisan support we would not have secured these funds," said Mack.

Mack was pleased to announce on Monday that the NASA funding was actually being released to the PAI account that day.

"It's the community support from the bottom up and your support from the top down, that is making this project happen," McCartney told Clinton.

Lawliss said he hopes that Clinton's visit will result in more funding for the school that has seen its original vision of a 25-student class grow in the past few weeks with the announcement that Laurentian Aerospace Inc., of Canada will establish its base here.

"Originally our request was for a project that has changed considerably," Lawliss said.

"We are hoping to secure additional funding for equipment, but also to meet the needs of the Laurentian workforce," Mack said.