

city lifestyle of New York or L.A.,” said Toone, who grew up here. “There’s a pride in Columbus now that wasn’t there before. It’s not flyover country. It’s (at) a stage for people to come here and for more businesses to happen here.”

Jay Clouse, 26, whose Unreal Collective business coordinates a 12-week course featuring discussions among small groups of entrepreneurs and creatives nationwide via video chat sessions, said Ohio State will continue to bring smart, talented people to the city in the future. “We’ll continue to grow our influence as a creative hub, whether that’s creating businesses or art,” Clouse said.

Chris Volpe, 36, CEO of the video-gaming company Multivarious, predicts Columbus within the next 10 years will be “the place” for game development and creative technology. “We are a young, vibrant, creative, talented, passionate city, unafraid to be weird and funky and to try stuff,” he said.



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