

Dataseam bridging state's past, future

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With the encouragement of fellow Princeton native and longtime family friend Dean Hughes, Brian Gupton founded Dataseam almost two years ago.

Hughes, a Cinergy Communications sales engineer, remains a close advisor, Gupton said.

The company's name is "definitely a throwback to Kentucky's history and a nod to our future," he said. "Seams of coal fueled our economy for over 100 years.

"We see the Kentucky Dataseam Initiative as the mine our next generation of researchers, engineers and scientists can depend upon to build economic opportunity in a research-driven Kentucky. This is Kentucky's coal mine for the 21st century" he said.

"My father was a college-educated coal miner, and he chose mining back in the 70's because it paid well," he added.

"Unfortunately, we don't have many of those good-paying jobs providing a relatively universal opportunity for Kentuckians today.

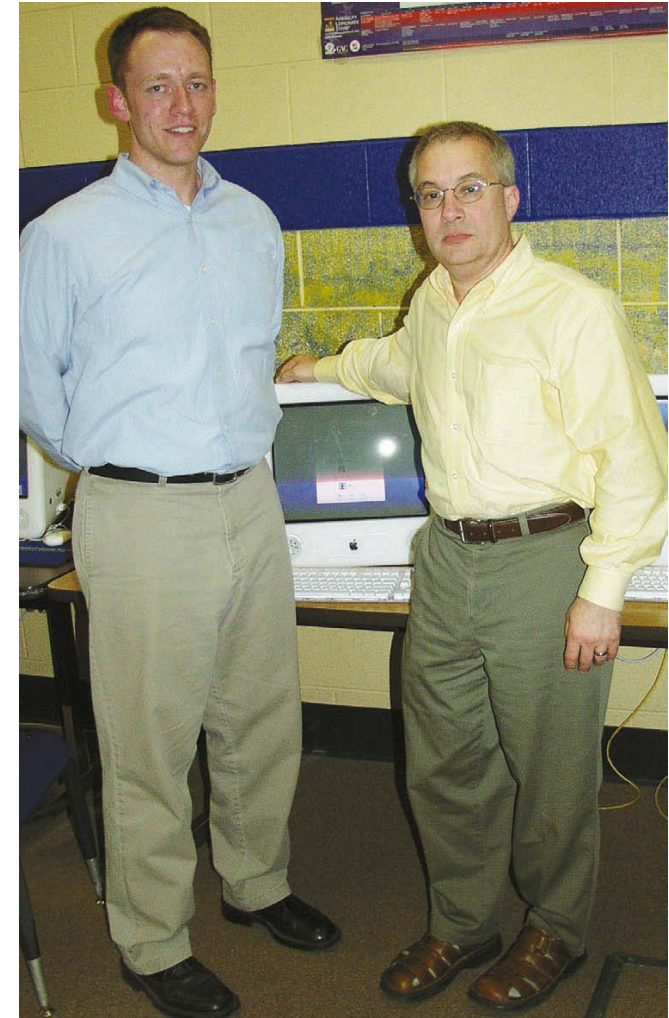
"Giving a coal miner's son the opportunity to take part in something reflective of a 21st-century economy shows the main objectives of the Kentucky Innovation Act and the work of the Governor's Office of the New Economy are beginning to show results.

"Our plan is that the Kentucky Dataseam Initiative provides the opportunity for others to take part in Kentucky's research-based future, both by achieving results and answers they need in their work, as well as inspiring the next generation of students to pursue math and the sciences," he said.

State Rep. Mike Cherry supported the initiative.

"This is a great program," he said. "With the Kentucky Dataseam Initiative, our state could lead the way in providing abundant, inexpensive supercomputing power to help drive our local and state economy."

The technology needs to be developed quickly, he said, or other states will continue to pull ahead of Kentucky in jobs and economic growth.



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Tech pioneers

Dataseam founder Brian Gupton (left) established the company with the encouragement of fellow Princeton native Dean Hughes, a Cinergy Communications sales engineer.