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Celebration

of the

50th Anniversary of IBM Boca Raton

Boca Raton Innovation Campus

October 14, 2017

Happy 50th Anniversary

IBM began operations in Boca Raton in 1967 and in March of 1970, some 3,500 people joined IBM Chairman Thomas J. Watson, Jr. as he dedicated a new facility slated to become a manufacturing and development site for IBM's General Systems Division. While the focus of our program today is the subsequent history of IBM Boca Raton, the story can't be told without recognizing the impact on the city of Boca Raton and the accomplishments of the pioneering IBM employees. Our speakers today will share their experiences as IBM Boca Raton grew from a handful to over 10,000 employees and changed the world along the way.

IBM Boca Raton is best known for launching a revolution in personal computing, but there is a lot more to the story. The site has a solid record of innovation over the years, and you are invited to enjoy a continuously running slide show of products developed here. In addition, a panel discussion will give you the opportunity to share your own story, and you will be able to take a tour of the architecturally significant building designed by Marcel Breuer and Thomas Gatje.

A plaque is being presented today to recognize the historical achievements of IBM Boca Raton and the contributions of IBM to the community. It will be placed at the entrance to what used to be the main entrance to IBM's administrative offices.

Several vintage computers and historical artifacts are on display. Visit the Boca Raton Historical Society at Town Hall, 71 North Federal Highway, for a more extensive display of IBM Boca Raton artifacts.

This event is a joint effort of the Boca Raton Historical Society, the Boca Raton Innovation Campus, the IBM Corporation, and the IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association (IBMSFQCCAA).

We hope that you enjoy this look at the history of IBM in Boca Raton.

The Celebration Committee

Granite plaque to be placed at the entrance to the building

IBM

Celebrating 50 years
of contributions by
IBM and its people to
Boca Raton
and the world
14 October 2017

IBM
South Florida
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Association

Timeline

1991 - March	PS/2 L40 SX announced.
April	OS/2 2.0 announced.
May	VoiceType announced for Special Needs.
June	PS/2 Model 35 SX and LS, Model 40 SX and Model 57 SX announced.
1992	PS ValuePoint announced.
1993	465x Restaurant Point of Sale System announced.
1994 – August	Simon Personal Communicator shipped.
September	Aptiva Personal Computer announced.
1997 – August	ViaVoice speech recognition software announced.
	Atomic Force Microscope – Magnascope SXM 300 announced.
1999 – February	Electronic Media Management System released in Japan.
2000 – January	Enterprise Content Management software announced.
2001	WebSphere Portal announced.
2003	WebSphere EveryPlace Access announced.
2005 - October	WebSphere EveryPlace Multimodal Browser and Toolkit announced.
	Latin American Grid (13 university consortium) formed.
	Project Checkmate on pandemic flu research (collaboration with Scripps Research Institute).
2006 – January	Embedded ViaVoice announced.
2006 – March	WebSphere Voice Server announced.
2006 – October	InfoSphere Information Server announced.
	Multilingual Automatic Speech Translation (MASTOR) released.
2008 – April	WebSphere DataPower SOA Appliances announced.
October	WebSphere Business Monitor announced.
2009 – February	WebSphere Transformation Extender announced.
	Maximo Asset Management announced.
2011	Watson Speech to Text and Text to Speech released.

Program

8:30	Reception/View Exhibits	
9:30	Welcome	Angelo Gasparri
	Welcome to Boca Raton Innovation Campus	Danielle Vennett
	IBM Boca - 1967	Juan Rionda
	IBM Boca: A Legacy of Innovation	Pete Martinez
	IBM Today and Tomorrow	Rick Qualman
	IBM and Boca Raton	Mayor Susan Haynie
	Presentation of Plaque	Rick Qualman
11:30	Lunch and Panel Discussion	David Bradley
		Angelo Gasparri
		Pete Martinez
		Jud McCarthy
		David O'Connor
		Rick Qualman
		Juan Rionda

A slide show will run continuously during the reception and after the formal program.

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Tours of the site will be available after lunch.

IBM Boca Raton Product Timeline
Primary Source: IBM Archives

1967 – April	IBM began operation in Boca Raton.
1968	Special Engineering Design and Build (SEDAB) moved to Boca Raton.
1970 – October	System 3 Model 6 announced.
November	System/7 announced.
1972 – February	Controlled Access System Badge Reader shipped.
1974 - April	Bahia base assembly shipped.
1976 - November	Series/1 announced.
	Maritime Application Bridge System developed.
1977 - July	Japanese Kanji Matrix Printer shipped.
1978 – January	IBM 5110 Computing System announced.
1979	SSD began diskette manufacturing.
1980 – February	IBM 5120 Computer System announced.
September	IBM 5222 8 Wire Matrix Printer announced.
1981 – March	IBM 5224 Multi-head Table Top Printer announced.
July	System/23 Datamaster announced.
August	IBM Personal Computer announced.
1982 - February	IBM 5225 Multi-head Floor Standing Printer announced.
February	IBM 7535 Manufacturing System (robotics) announced.
1983 - January	IBM 7565 Manufacturing System announced.
March	Personal Computer XT announced.
April	IBM 7540 Manufacturing System announced.
July	Pass Book Printer shipped.
October	IBM 3270 PC, PC/XT 370 announced.
	Computerized Automotive Maintenance System released.
November	PC Jr announced.
1984 - February	Portable Personal Computer announced.
	IBM 7545 Manufacturing System announced.
August	Personal Computer AT announced.
1985	System/88 fault tolerant computer

1986 - April	PC Convertible announced.
	IBM 7575 and 7576 Manufacturing Systems announced.
September	Personal Computer XT Model 286 announced.
	Fort Knox Systems announced.
1987 - April	The IBM Personal System/2 family of products announced. Includes: Model 30, Model 50, Model 60, and Model 80.
	Operating System/2 announced.
August	PS/2 Model 25 announced.
November	OS/2 Standard edition 1.0 and OS/2 Extended Edition 1.0 announced.
1988 - January	Screen Reader announced for Special Needs.
April	Computer Integrated Manufacturing Center opened.
June	PS/2 Model 70; the PS/2 Model 50Z; and the PS/2 Model 25 LS announced.
	IBM 4224 Printer announced.
November	SpeechViewer announced for Special Needs.
1989 - May	PS/2 Model 55 SX and the PS/2 Model P70 386 announced.
	OS/2 Standard and Extended Editions Version 1.2 announced.
November	OS/2 LAN Server Version 1.2 announced.
	PS/2 Wizard Adapter announced.
December	Phone Communicator announced for Special Needs.
1990 – June	IBM PS/1 announced.
October	PS/2 Model 55 LS, PS/2 Model 95 XP 486, and the Model 90 XP 486 announced. Also introduced: OS/2 Standard Edition Version 1.3 and new releases of OS/2 Extended Edition and OS/2 LAN Server.
November	PS/2 Model P75 486 announced.
December	THINKable announced for Special Needs.