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## Member Spotlight

### Adecto Pharmaceuticals - Targeting Triple Negative Breast Cancer

Ten to twenty percent of breast cancers are classified as triple-negative– the tumor doesn't have an estrogen, progesterone or HER2 receptor, all necessary for receptor-targeted treatments. Depending upon the stage of disease at the diagnosis, triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) can be aggressive and more likely to recur than other subtypes of breast cancer. The treatment of patients with TNBC, however, remains challenging since they cannot benefit from any currently available targeted therapy as their tumors lack ER, HER2 or any other well-defined target. Treatment is restricted to surgery, chemotherapy and radiation, and is often insufficient to stop recurrence and metastasis. Thus, a quarter of the reported yearly breast cancer deaths are due to TNBC.



[Continue reading about Adecto.](#)



## Interview with Gloucester Biotechnology Academy Graduate Maks Vattands

Maks, a Gloucester resident and GHS Class of 2016 alumni, is bright eyed and energetic from his 5:30am crossfit routine with his Mom. Sitting in the GMGI offices at 7:30am on a Wednesday morning, his enthusiasm and confidence is palpable as he shares his experiences at his full-time job at Rogers Sciences, a 9-year old life sciences company located in the Cummings Center bio-tech incubator (North Shore InnoVentures) in Beverly.

**GMGI:** How's the job going?

**Maks:** Its going really great. I love being in the lab. The work is very interesting and I feel like I am part of something that will offer people hope. I am working with six of the most common types of bacteria and evaluating the impact our product has on cell regeneration – as a potential cure for cancer and bacterial infections in open wounds. It's pretty amazing.



See the full interview [here](#).

(Ed. note: The Gloucester Biotechnology Academy flagship vocational program educates high school graduates for careers as biotech lab technicians, with a lab-immersion curriculum and paid internships. GMGI is looking for placements for interns - please direct inquiries to John Doyle.)

## NSIV is located in one very desirable U.S. city!

When people think of innovation in the Boston metro area, their minds naturally gravitate toward Cambridge.

But a Livability.com survey just placed Beverly alongside Cambridge as one of the 100 Best Places to Live out of 2000 like-sized cities. The list also included such innovation powerhouses as Palo Alto, Berkeley, Boulder and Chapel Hill, in addition to local "best places" stalwarts, Newton and Brookline.

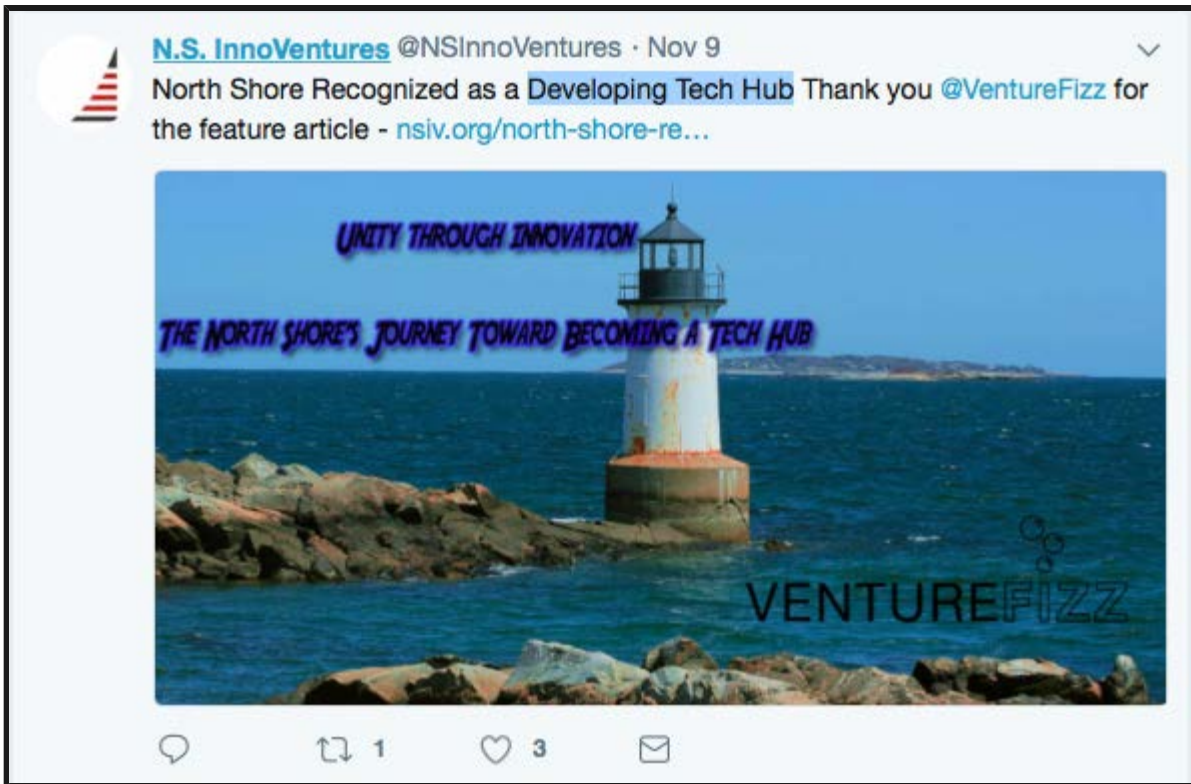


Honestly, we're not surprised by the ranking. The ratings were based on factors like community amenities, education, sustainability, transportation, healthcare, housing and the local economy. Those of us who have lived and worked in this community know that Beverly has it all.

It's why we built North Shore InnoVentures here.

Read the full story [here](#).

## Did You Miss This?



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**Martha Farmer** @MarthaFarmer · Oct 29

There were nearly 450 people there. Cleantech is growing and the 8 deserving awardees are certainly among those responsible for that!



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Our Decade of Influence Award winners! Congratulations to all.



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