



Turning Points

Kevin Szybist

Don Golini

- Don Golini is the president of QED Technologies, a global optical engineering company
- He wanted to succeed at something he was passionate about
- He first worked in optical engineering at Itek Optical Systems

QED Facts

- Founded in 1996 in Rochester
- Offers polishing services of spherical and plano optics
- 170 machines in 13 countries
- “So easy it seems once found, yet when unfound most would have thought impossible.” –John Milton
- Golini’s idea of success with passion was revolutionary at the time
- QED is founded on new ideas

Giovanni LiDestri

- President of LiDestri Foods, Inc.
- Faced hardships after immigrating to America from Italy at the age of fourteen
- Realized the tangible value of hard work
- “OK. Who needs me to do anything?”
- “You miss 100% of the shots you never take.”
-Wayne Gretzky
- LiDestri took a shot as an entrepreneur and he nailed it

LiDestri Foods

- 35 years of experience in the industry
- Offers premier sauces and dips
- Locations in Fairport; Rochester; Fresno, CA; and Pennsauken, NJ
- “Good Corporate Citizen”