January monthly drop-in meeting recap:

- **Agenda**
- **Recording**
- **Key takeaway:** Districts that received an email with a specific funding allotment should plan to let NCBCE their spending goals by March 31st
Registration for NCBCE’s 4th Annual Ready, Set, App! (RSA) competition is open! This mobile app building competition is open to all NC high schoolers, and no prior computer science experience is necessary!

RSA provides each team with supplemental tools and a dedicated intern to support them throughout the competition. It serves as a great opportunity for students to develop skills in design thinking by having them find creative and innovative solutions to problems in their community. In addition to this, students will develop skills in coding, graphic design, presentation, teamwork, critical thinking, and so much more.

Registration closes on January 13, 2023. To sign up your team, visit www.ncbce.org/ready-set-app. For any questions, please reach out to Ciera Tucker, NCBCE Program Manager, at ciera.tucker@nc.gov.

Career Profiles

Log onto the Navigator today (also accessible through NCEdCloud) to find quick video interviews of local professionals in technology careers to share with your students:

- **Software Developer, Bandwidth**
  (length - 6:45)
- **Tyler McGraw – Software Engineer**
  (length - 1:01:45)
- **A Peek Into the Job of a STEM Educator**
  (length - 55:36)
- **Dr. Mary Hemphill - Director of K-12 Computer Science**
  (length - 2:32)
- **Mariah Thompson - Chief Risk Officer, NC Dept. of IT**
  (length - 1:11)
- **Agbessi Gblokpor - Research Systems Programmer (RTI)**
  (length - 3:12)

Reminder:

Need help structuring a new program or maintaining an existing one? Don't forget to meet with your coach!

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