December monthly drop-in meeting recap:

- **Agenda**
- **Key takeaway:** We’re encouraging all teams to become Funding Friendly! Do the grunt work now of writing out your teams key talking points to make applying for grants easier down the line.
- **Homework:** work on your Funding Friendly one-pager

- [View a list of grant options here.](#)
- [View the recording here.](#)

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**Announcements:**

**Jan. 9th**

**Monthly drop-in meeting**
3-4pm
Team Works

- **Team Works** is a no-cost three-hour online training through the UNC-TEACCH Autism Center on how to support autistic employees. This training is made up of nine self-paced modules, which could be applied for overall management skills. Some of the students on the Tech Teams are likely on the autism spectrum, and we hope that more neurodivergent students will participate in Tech Team. The Team Works training could help the district's full time technology staff and CTE teachers better support the interns.
- More info on flyer below!

NCBCE Annual Meeting

- On Thursday, December 7, NCBCE hosted its annual meeting, at which we celebrated our 40th anniversary and updated our members on our accomplishments from the past year.
- We were happy to hear from Ernie Conner and Madison Lavrack of Granville county, Michael Crenshaw of Guilford county, and Rayshoun Chambers of Nash county.

Wayne County Spotlight - Goldsboro High

- Facilitator: Valerie Jernigan
- Students at Goldsboro High school in Wayne county have started a podcast! They use their platform to have interesting conversations, featuring interviews with school staff members.
- NCBCE was honored to pay a visit to see the awesome set-up in person.
Do you want to learn to be an effective manager for neurodiverse, including autistic, employees?

Are you interested in helping to improve management trainings?

JOIN OUR PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS STUDY!

All participation is virtual. If you participate in this research study, you will be asked to answer questionnaires before and after taking an online training about working with autistic employees. Participation will take up to 3 hours.

There is no cost to participate.

After you complete the questionnaires, you will receive a $20 gift card and an optional 1-hour 1:1 consultation with a research team member.

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MOBILE APP DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION

What: A mobile app development competition sponsored by Lenovo® to address local issues in your school or community.

Who: Ready, Set, App! is open to all NC high school students. Compete in groups of 3-5.

When: Registration opens November 6, 2023 and closes January 21, 2024.

How: Create a functioning mobile app to address a local issue, then record your app demo and make your pitch to a panel of judges. After voting, the top teams will go to the final competition where they will pitch their apps to a live audience and panel of tech and business professionals for the chance to win prizes courtesy of Lenovo®.

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