

# TECH TEAM NEWSLETTER: JANUARY 2024



## January 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.

## *Announcements:*



Feb.  
13th

*Monthly drop-in  
meeting  
2-3pm*



## Stoke County Spotlight - West Stokes High School

- Facilitator: Forrest Munden
- The students participated in the local Community College PC repair day.
- They also presented on two occasions at the NCTIES conference in Raleigh.
- Additionally, they won the Innovations award from local Better Business Bureau Chapter.
- Finally, they created a virtual walkthrough for local Habitat for Humanity Website.

## Wayne County Spotlight - Southern Wayne High School

- Facilitator: Lesli Ducasse
- The Saints Tech Team has been a great success at Southern Wayne. Students have taken ownership of the tech team and were actively involved in creating the logo for the team. One huge success is that Chromebooks are being fixed at school rather than having to be taken off campus.
- Also, they now have a published podcast, the Saints Unplugged Podcast. The students are actively involved in the production and editing of the podcast. They created the intro music, have all participated in recording. They are planning for future guests and interviews.

## 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!





# TEAM WORKS

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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