

# TECH TEAM & DIGITAL AMBASSADORS NEWSLETTER

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**In our February drop-in meeting, we had the opportunity to hear from two outstanding Tech Teams in Stokes County, both making a real impact in their schools and in their communities.**

- **West Stokes High School Tech Team**

Led by Mr. Forrest Munden, the West Stokes Tech Team operates a cutting-edge space equipped with a virtual reality studio, 3D printers, a ZSpace lab, and media production tools. Students work on technology support “tickets” just like an industry tech team, gaining hands-on experience in problem-solving and customer service. Their work prepares them for real-world careers while strengthening their communication and teamwork skills.

- **North Stokes High School Tech Team**

Under the leadership of Mr. Wayne Fulp, the North Stokes Tech Team is known for its expertise in 3D printing and technical support. When all the school's 3D printers were down at once, the team successfully repaired them, demonstrating both skill and resourcefulness. They also assist teachers by providing printing services and managing software updates in the computer lab. Additionally, the team is forging connections with a local copper plant to establish pre-apprenticeship opportunities for students, further expanding career pathways.



## UPCOMING WEBINAR

**MARCH 20TH**  
**@ 11AM**

**TOPIC: IT SUPPORT  
AND HELP DESKS**





We also discussed how press releases can generate increased awareness about your team and how they can act as the start of fostering new community partnerships. A press release template was shared to help teams craft their announcements, a link to view it can be found below. Promoting your team's achievements can increase visibility, attract business collaborations, and expand the impact of your work.

It's exciting to see how each team is serving their community and their students, and we look forward to what's ahead for these programs!

Watch the recording of the meeting [here](#).

Our next meeting will be **March 18th at 3pm**.

**For any questions about press releases or how to get a press list, please reach out to John Ross, Debbie Roethke, or Sam Saunders.**

## KENAN FELLOWS PROGRAM FOR TEACHER LEADERSHIP

Recognizing the vital role educators play in shaping the future, the Kenan Fellows Program for Teacher Leadership at NC State University is committed to providing high-quality professional development for North Carolina's K-12 teachers. The program offers a wide range of opportunities, particularly in STEM, to empower teachers with research-based instructional practices and leadership skills. Kenan Fellows alumni are a key part of the programs and serve on the editorial board of the program's peer-reviewed Journal of Interdisciplinary Teacher Leadership as well as contribute to the professional learning experiences. The Kenan Fellows also maintain a database of inquiry based lesson plans and curriculum anyone can view. Explore their [website](#) to learn more about available opportunities!

# KING ROTARY CLUB VISITS WEST STOKES HIGH SCHOOL TECH TEAM

The West Stokes High School Tech Team recently hosted members of the Rotary Club of King, NC, for a tour of their workspace, showcasing the great work they do to support their school's technology needs. Students demonstrated how they maintain and repair equipment, manage tech support requests, and utilize tools like 3D printers and media production software. The visit provided a great opportunity for the Rotary members to see firsthand how the team develops valuable technical and problem-solving skills.

Check out the photos below to see the Tech Team in action!





# VALORES DIGITAL AMBASSADORS IN ALAMANCE COUNTY

In January, the Alamance County Digital Ambassadors team, facilitated by the local nonprofit Valores, kicked off the year with their first digital literacy class. The adult learners were eager to gain new skills, and their enthusiasm made for an engaging and rewarding session led by the Ambassadors.

In addition to the digital literacy class, the Ambassadors also participated in a vision board workshop, where they set personal and professional goals for 2025. Guided by Valores Executive Director Alejandro Garcia, they reflected on their aspirations and used their creativity to bring them to life through visual storytelling. It was an inspiring way to encourage growth and motivation for the year ahead!

Check out the photos from both workshops below!



# HAPPY CTE MONTH!

February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the impact of CTE program in North Carolina! From technology and engineering to health sciences and skilled trades, CTE gives students the hands-on experience and professional skills they need for success.



At NCBCE, we are especially grateful for the incredible CTE teachers who help make our Tech Team and Digital Ambassadors programs possible. Your dedication to student learning and workforce readiness is truly making a difference. Thank you for all that you do!

## STUDENT PODCAST CHALLENGE

The National Public Radio (NPR) has opened up submissions for its annual Student Podcast Challenge. Students anywhere in the United States from grades 4-12 are invited to produce and submit a podcast for a chance to have their work featured on NPR. Teacher involvement is required to compete and the deadline for submission is May 2, 2025.



To learn more about the challenge and listen to past winners, please visit the [NPR Student Podcast Challenge website](#).