

TECH TEAM NEWSLETTER:

MAY 2024



May monthly drop-in meeting recap:

- [Agenda](#)
- Key takeaway:

This meeting marked the final Tech Team gathering of the school year. We are delighted to welcome Samantha (Sam) Saunders to the Tech Team admin group. Sam, who works at Hometown Strong, Governor Cooper's initiative supporting rural communities, has been instrumental in launching the Digital Ambassadors program. She now joins us as Brianna Green transitions to a new role. For any Tech Team needs, please reach out to Sam!

Building on the successful partnership between Fidelity and the Granville Tech Team, we encourage each team to identify potential business partners in their community for the Adopt-a-Tech Team initiative. Such partnerships can provide students with valuable learning and experiential opportunities, and NCBCE is eager to support these collaborations.

Our meeting featured speakers from Hairston Middle School in Guilford County. Dr. Thomasina Hayes established a chapter of the Technology Student Association (TSA) at Hairston Middle, achieving significant success this school year. The students learned extensively about the impact of technology and the career paths it offers. Their projects included topics like biotechnology in Iceland and STEM animation. Additionally, they recently competed in the TSA State competition, earning numerous awards (details below).

We concluded the meeting with reflections on the most impactful and memorable events for each team this year, along with reminders as the school year ends. Please schedule 1:1 meetings with NCBCE staff as soon as appointment slots are available and remember to submit your team one-pagers promptly. Have a wonderful summer!

- [Watch the recording here.](#)



*Upcoming Tech
Team Drop-in
meeting:*

8/20

*Monthly drop-in
meeting
2-3pm*

GRANVILLE COUNTY STAR DEVICE SUPPORT AND REPAIR TEAM SPOTLIGHT

"The Granville County STAR Device Support and Repair Team had an opportunity to visit Fidelity Investments last week. Our team has been adopted by Fidelity Investments. Tom Lesser, Director, EI&O Techworks Field Services and Central Logistics for Fidelity provided a tour and information on their team and organization.

We spent two hours working hand in hand with two of their tech support staff members to "Experience the day in the life of the Fidelity Investment Tech Team Member." It was an awesome experience for the two interns that participated.

We had lunch and spent that time debriefing and talking about next steps. Fidelity plans to visit our team at school to experience the day in the life of a student Tech Team member. We are also planning a virtual meeting between our respective cybersecurity teams."

-Ernest Conner, Director of Instructional Technology at Granville County Public Schools



HAIRSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL WINS STATE TECHNOLOGY COMPETITION

April 18, 2024 – Hairston Middle School, representing Guilford County Schools, triumphed at this year’s Technology Student Association (TSA) competition held at The Koury Convention Center. Their dedicated students brought home 15 trophies: five 1st place, eight 2nd place, and two 3rd place finishes. Hairston Middle was also awarded the “New Chapter of the Year Award.”

Under the direction of Dr. Thomasina Hayes, who introduced TSA to Hairston Middle after four successful years at Jackson Middle, the program has thrived. Dr. Hayes mentored Mr. Demetrius Evans and Mrs. Joy Brooks, who are now the group advisors.

The TSA chapter at Hairston Middle aims to immerse students in STEM, fostering leadership, academic, and technical skills to develop leaders and scholars who positively impact their communities.

With these victories, the students are now eligible to compete in the National TSA Competition from June 26th to 30th in Orlando, Florida. This year’s winning categories include:

Biotechnology	1 st Place
Challenging Tech 1	2 nd Place
Construction	1 st Place
Cybersecurity	2 nd Place
Data Analytics	2 nd Place
Digital Photography	2 nd Place
Leadership Strategies 1	1 st Place
Medical Technology / Team 1	3 rd Place
Off The Grid 1	1 st Place
Off The Grid 3	2 nd Place
Promotional Marketing	2 nd Place
Stem Animation	2 nd Place
Vlogging 2	2 nd Place
Website Design 1	1 st Place
Website Design 2	3 rd Place

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Here are some pictures of NC students from Beaufort County showcasing their work at NCTIES. Along with members of the technology department and school-based Tech Team leaders, they demonstrated basic Chromebook repair and discussed their roles on the team with attendees. One of the students pictured is a former intern with the technology department. These opportunities, provided by NCBCE, highlight the valuable experiences available to students.



ADOPT-A-TECH TEAM TODAY!

Join other employers in adopting a student technology help desk. What does it mean to adopt? An employer would engage with students by providing a variety of work-based learning opportunities to the tech team's students, such as a work site tour and job shadowing, video calls to share tech skills and allow students to ask questions and site visits to schools. Engaging with a Tech Team is an excellent opportunity for employers to share about the multitude of tech career pathways and find future talent.