

# TECH TEAM & DIGITAL AMBASSADORS NEWSLETTER

# MAY 2025



## MONTHLY MEETING – MAY 20, 2025

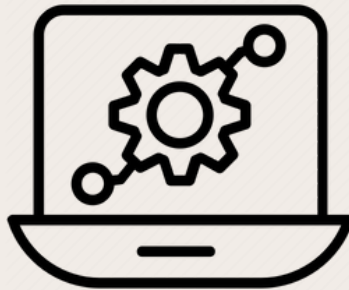
**As we close out the 2024–25 school year, we want to thank all Tech Team and Digital Ambassador advisors and students for a great year of innovation, learning, and collaboration. Our final monthly meeting of the school year looked back on the work you and your students have been done this year and what could be next for teams.**

John Ross shared highlights from the Tech Team Activities Survey, which gathered input from teams about the types of activities they've done, what worked well (and what didn't), and ideas they'd like to try in the future. The purpose of the survey was to inspire teams to try new ideas and connect with their peers.

[You can view the results online here.](#)

John Ross and Debbie Roethke also announced that they are co-authoring an article for national publication about the Tech Team and Digital Ambassador programs. They have been instrumental in shaping and supporting these initiatives for the last five years, and we truly could not have come this far without them. A huge thank you to John and Debbie for their dedication, vision, and hard work. They may reach out to teams this summer or fall for stories and examples to feature in the article. NCBCE will share the article out when it is published.





## **Important Updates & Reminders**

- Signed funding acknowledgements are still needed from some teams. If you haven't submitted yours yet, please do so as soon as possible.
- End-of-year one-on-one meetings will be postponed until August to allow time for NCBCE to make some organizational and logistical updates to the Tech Team and Digital Ambassadors structure. We'll review those changes and reflect on this year's accomplishments during our August meetings.

Thank you all for making this school year such a success. The work you do supporting digital access, growing student leadership, and using tech for good continues to make a real difference in your schools and communities. Good luck with finals, and we hope you enjoy a well-earned summer break!

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

## ALAMANCE COUNTY DIGITAL AMBASSADORS FEATURED IN NEWS ARTICLE

Following a press release put together by the Alamance County Digital Ambassadors, ran through the local nonprofit VALORES, and John and Debbie with Advanced Learning Partnerships, the team has been featured in a news article with statewide media outlet, QuéPasa. The article discusses what the Digital Ambassadors do at their digital literacy workshops and features quotes from them about how the rewarding the program has been for them and how it has boosted their communication skills and self-confidence.

A participant was also featured in the article, giving the Ambassadors a rave review of their work teaching them technology skills like using email, utilizing online translation resources, and more. [Check out the article here.](#) Way to go VALORES Digital Ambassadors!



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### NOTICIAS

# Jóvenes enseñan tecnología a adultos mayores en Alamance

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# WEAVER ACADEMY DIGITAL AMBASSADORS TEACH DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS AT WHITESTONE RETIREMENT CENTER

In April, Weaver Academy's Digital Ambassador team (Greensboro) traveled to Whitestone Retirement Center where they hosted their first hands-on technology workshop to improve the resident's digital skills. From using smart phones and navigating iPads to improving social media use and password security, the Ambassadors guided participants through each step with patience and enthusiasm.

Throughout the session, students and residents engaged one-on-one, exploring photo-sharing apps, video calling options, and privacy settings to keep personal information safe. At the close of the workshop, every resident who completed our feedback survey gave the team a perfect 10 out of 10, praising the clarity of instruction and the kindness shown by the Ambassadors.

Whitestone residents invited the Digital Ambassadors back following that first workshop and this month, the team returned for a second workshop that once again earned glowing reviews. Way to go Weaver Academy Digital Ambassadors!





## MARTIN COUNTY DIGITAL AMBASSADORS TEACH DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS

This spring, the Martin County Digital Ambassador team has been working to support digital inclusion efforts at a local assisted living facility, helping residents improve their digital literacy skills and troubleshoot everyday tech issues. With guidance from Dr. Shirley Roberson of Cornerstone Community Based Programs and Josh McIntyre of Martin County Schools, the students have provided hands-on support with smartphones, tablets, email, and other everyday technologies.

As technology becomes increasingly central to daily life, digital literacy upskilling initiatives like this are important, especially for older adults who may not have had previous opportunities to develop these skills. Digital literacy not only increases independence and online safety but also opens the door to social connection and improved well-being.

The final workshop of the school year will be held later this month, capping off a great semester of learning and intergenerational connection for both the residents and the students.



# STUDY HALL: CRASHCOURSE, YOUTUBE, AND ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY PARTNER UP

For students looking to ease into college or earn affordable credits online, the Study Hall program offers a low-cost, accessible way to get started. A partnership between Arizona State University (ASU), CrashCourse (founded by Hank and John Green), and YouTube, Study Hall looks to ease the college transition and the financial expense that comes with it. They currently offer Intro to Coding and Programming, Introduction to Sustainability, Introduction to Psychology, and Macroeconomic Principles.

How it works:

- Students pay \$25 to sign-up and take a course through Study Hall, taught by Arizona State University faculty via YouTube.
- Students complete the course as they would a regular online class by completing assignment, participating in discussion boards, and taking exams.
- At the end of the course, if students are satisfied with their final grade, they can pay \$400 to receive credit backed by ASU, transferable to any college that accepts their credits.

Study Hall also offers education about applying to, financing, and starting college as well. This is an excellent, low-cost opportunity for students looking to get a jump on college or for students on the fence about pursuing secondary education. [Explore this program more here.](#)



# STUDY HALL: CRASHCOURSE, YOUTUBE, AND ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY PARTNER UP

NCBCE offers free access to Google Professional Certificate programs through Coursera, an online learning platform. These courses are an excellent opportunity for students to gain industry-recognized credentials in high-demand fields, especially as they enter summer break and have time off from school.

Courses are self-paced, online training programs created and certified by Google. Each certificate is designed to prepare learners for entry-level jobs in fields like IT support, data analytics, project management, UX design, and digital marketing. No prior experience or education is required to start learning. Students receive free access to all courses through NCBCE (normally \$39/month on Coursera), all that's needed is a student's email address to get started. Programs typically take 3–6 months to complete, but students can move faster if they want to.

Upon completion, students earn a certificate from Google that can be shared with employers or added to a resume or LinkedIn profile

If you have students interested in this opportunity, reach out to NCBCE to enroll students today.

Explore the course offerings [here](#).

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**Ask Questions to Make Data-Driven Decisions**

**Prepare Data for Exploration**

**Process Data from Dirty to Clean**

**Analyze Data to Answer Questions**

**Share Data Through the Art of Visualization**

**Data Analysis with R Programming**

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Sep 11, 2023

**SAIMA KARIM**

has successfully completed the online, non-credit Professional Certificate

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