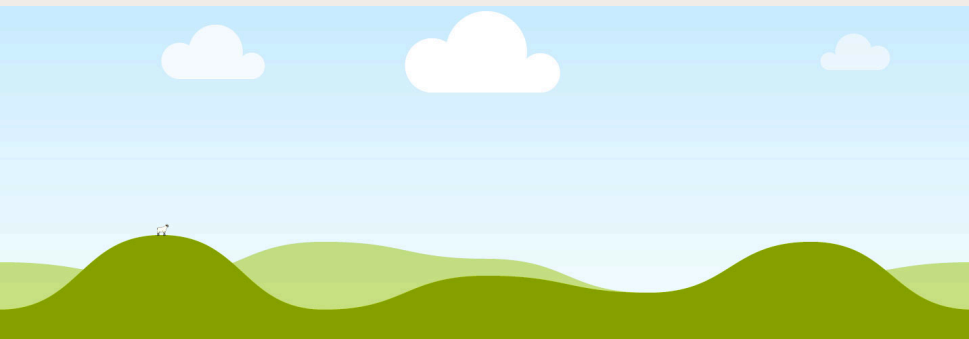


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JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT DROP-IN MEETING

We're excited to announce our first drop-in meeting of 2026 on Tuesday, March 4 at 3:00 PM. Anyone working with Tech Team and Digital Ambassadors students is welcome to attend. These drop-ins are always a great space to exchange ideas, get updates, and stay connected across the network – and this meeting will be a good one!

This session will feature special speakers from the Durham County Tech Team and the Sampson County Tech Team, who will share insights from their programs, lessons learned, and what's ahead for their students.

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WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US! [CLICK HERE](#) TO JOIN.



OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS: SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC GLOBAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE 2026

Students interested in exploring global careers in sustainability, energy, and technology should check out the Schneider Electric Global Student Experience 2026.

This opportunity connects students with a global network of peers and professionals while providing exposure to real-world projects, innovation challenges, and career pathways in one of the world's leading energy and automation companies.

Learn more and register [here!](#)



TEAM SPOTLIGHT: WEAVER ACADEMY TECH TEAM SWAG

The Weaver Academy Tech Team designed their own team swag! Their custom gear is a great example of student creativity and taking pride in their work.

Check out the photo to see their design, we love seeing teams build their identity and represent their programs!



FEATURED RESOURCE – ARIN-561: GAME BASED LEARNING

ARIN-561 is an interactive, game-based learning experience designed to introduce high school students to foundational concepts in artificial intelligence. In the game, students play as a space-faring scientist exploring a mysterious planet while completing missions that teach key AI topics through hands-on, visual tutorials.

Built in Unity and accessible through a web browser, ARIN-561 focuses on concepts like classical search algorithms and connects them to familiar math skills such as space and time complexity. ARIN-561 was developed by the University of Southern California with support from the National Science Foundation and won the Students' Choice Award at the I/ITSEC Serious Games Showcase.

Learn more and start playing [ARIN-561 here!](#)



ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY: GOOGLE DATA ANALYTICS CERTIFICATE (COURSERA)

Students interested in data, problem solving, and career pathways beyond traditional IT support may want to explore the Google Data Analytics Certificate on Coursera. This flexible, self-paced program introduces key data skills such as spreadsheets, SQL, data visualization, and analysis. These skills are becoming increasingly valuable across tech roles, especially as AI adoption continues to grow.

NCBCE offers this course and all Google Professional Certifications for FREE to our students through our partnership with Coursera.

If you have a student interested in enrolling in any of these free courses, email samantha.saunders@nc.gov.

