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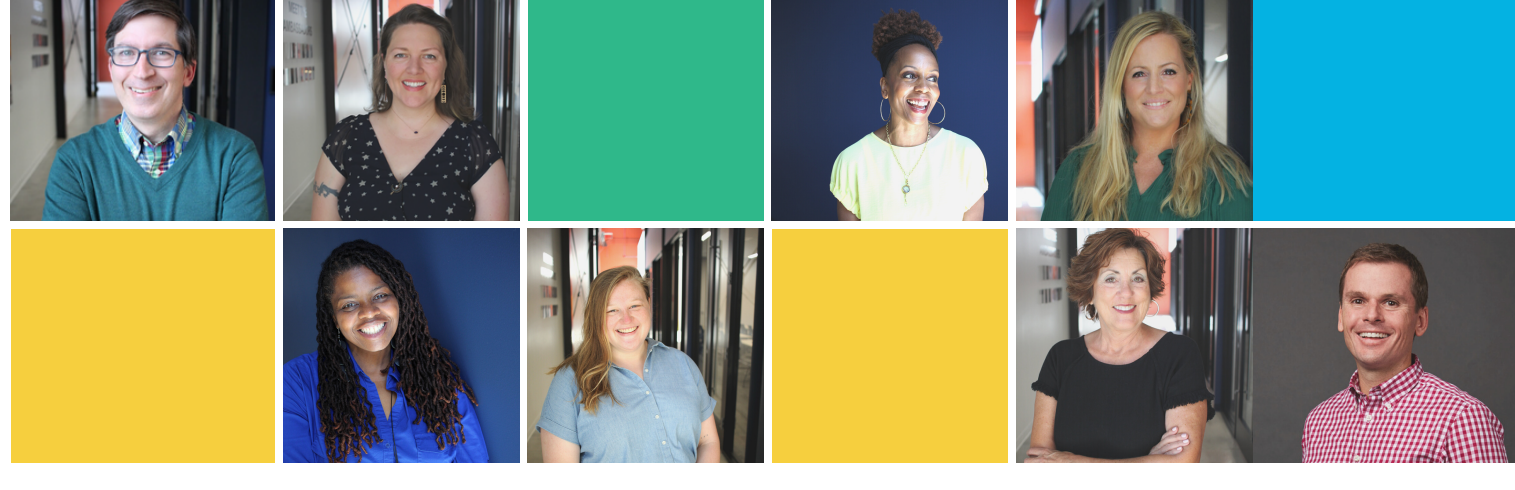
We are excited to introduce the SparkNC team.

Our team is deliberate and strategic, but also impatient and driven to action. We are passionate about transforming learning, particularly for those who have been disengaged or left behind by traditional systems. We believe strongly in public education and the power of innovative educators to build impactful, personalized learning experiences for all kinds of learners.

" We're designing learning experiences to reengage students in different ways, creating new pathways to fields that hold massive economic promise for their futures."

JOE ABLEIDINGER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SPARKNC

This Fall at SparkNC...

Cybersecurity
Map
Cybersecurity
Fall 2022

Student
Advisory
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District-C
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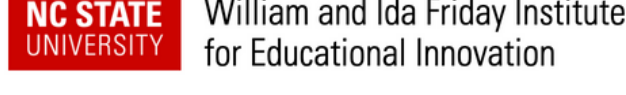
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IGNITING FUTURES IN TECH

Meet Our Partners

SparkNC works with the school districts in The Innovation Project to develop and deliver programs that expand pathways for students to high-tech careers. We are supported in this work by an extraordinary network of partners.

Visit sparknc.org to learn more about our partnerships.

DISTRICT C

North Carolina Department of **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

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AGILE CITY
INNOVATION POWERED BY ECOSYSTEMS

North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics

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2 million by 2030.

NC STATE UNIVERSITY | William and Ida Friday Institute for Educational Innovation

SparkNC Current Projects

⭐ **Teamship with District C**
Community Event
October 18th, 2022

SparkNC and District C are excited to launch their partnership this fall to help students practice working in diverse teams solving complex problems for real businesses in our state and communities! In our first event, we invite students, educators, and school and district leaders to learn more about our work and engage with a panel who have experienced a Teamship cycle. We will continue our launch with a virtual Teamship cycle coached by certified District C coaches and serving 40 students across our 18 TIP districts.

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⭐ **Student Conference**
SparkNC + NCSSM Collaboration
October 31st, 2022

SparkNC and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics are co-hosting *The 2022 Ethics and Leadership Conference: Should We Hack Humanity?* on October 31st for students from across NC to explore issues related to ethics in technology. Students, in-person or virtually, will learn from experts and explore the potential and pitfalls of artificial intelligence advances in industry, criminal justice, education and more!

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⭐ **Student Advisory Council Launch**
Selection Process
Fall 2022

The Student Advisory Council will assist our team in designing learning experiences for students. They will provide feedback on plans under consideration, survey other students about their interests in high-tech pathways, and engage in collaborative design.

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⭐ **Launch of Credentials Map with Agile City**
Cybersecurity
Fall 2022

Agile City is collecting, analyzing, and sharing data on credential programs related to high-tech fields available to students in The Innovation Project's member districts, starting with credentials in the areas of cybersecurity and coding. Agile City is working with fellow SparkNC partner myFutureNC on data formatting and integration.

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SparkNC Website - Updates

We have updated our website with a few areas that are important to us. Visit www.sparknc.org to explore recent updates including overviews of our learning continuum, our design principles, our Student Advisory Council, and SparkNC in the news.

Our Approach
- What is SparkNC?
- Our Learning Continuum
- SparkNC Design Principles

Student Advisory
- Student Advisory Council Overview
- Student Design Sprint
- Design Sprint Feedback Summaries

In the News
- Recent Articles
- SparkNC Launch Press Release

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