

EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

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PROJECT VENTURE FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The first round of the Project Venture Competition is complete! We were pleased to have ten High School High Tech sites participate in this year's event and we applaud all ten teams for their hard work on developing creative business plans and product commercials.

Our panel of distinguished judges has selected the top three teams who will go onto the final in-person competition in Orlando. **Congratulations to the High School High Tech teams from Lake, Orange and St Johns Counties!**

These three teams will present their business plans in person to a panel of judges during the High School High Tech Conference in Orlando. In addition to bragging rights for the coming year, the winning school will receive a cash award of \$1,000 to use for the various needs of their High School High Tech program. The schools placing second and third will also receive cash awards of \$750 and \$500 respectively.



We would like to recognize the seven High School High Tech teams that participated in the Project Venture Competition. These teams did a great job developing innovative ideas, writing a business plan and taping a commercial for their entrepreneurial efforts and we commend their hard work.

Kudos to High School High Tech teams from **DeSoto County, Hardee County, Leon County, Madison County, Manatee-Sarasota Counties, Pinellas County and Wakulla County.**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR ROUND ONE JUDGES!



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Mary Chance
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Ashley Heath Dietz
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Alec Milton
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Thank you to our Round One judges for reviewing and assessing the Project Venture competition submissions. The three final teams will use comments and questions provided by this panel of judges to ensure their Project Venture entry is ready to present in Orlando.

Project Venture would not be possible without the support of our exceptional judges and we thank them for sharing their time and expertise.

MEET WYATT



Wyatt Pulliam

Wyatt is currently a senior at Madison County High School in Madison, Florida and this is his fourth year participating in the High School High Tech program. Wyatt has earned his Agriculture Industry Certification through the Madison County High School Agriculture CTE program. He is employed via Vocational Rehabilitation services and has an Individual Plan of Employment in place to aide in his transition from school to work. Wyatt's success is a great example of the opportunities available through participation in High School High Tech and we applaud his hard work and achievements.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGH TECH TOURS TCC

The Able Trust and the Tallahassee Community College Student Accessibility Services Office recently partnered to assist students in navigating through college.

High School High Tech students from Wakulla and Madison counties visited TCC and were given the opportunity discuss services TCC offers.

Thank you @GoToTCC for graciously hosting these



students and helping to equip them with information and support they need to succeed.

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED



High School High Tech programs help open doors for the students with disabilities who participate. If you're interested in getting involved, there are several ways to become engaged:

- **Host** your local HSHT site and let them see what happens in your industry.
- **Mentor** a HSHT student to give them the real-world experience that is vital to entering the workforce.
- **Adopt** a HSHT site to expand student experiences and resources

To learn more, contact Coleen Agner,
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About High School High Tech (HSHT)

High School High Tech is a program that provides high school students with disabilities the opportunity to explore jobs and post-secondary education leading to in-demand careers. Established in 1996, HSHT connects students to a broad range of academic and career development resources and experiences that will help prepare them to meet the demands of the 21st century workforce. For information, visit www.abletrust.org.



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