



DIGITAL LEARNING & INNOVATION NEWSLETTER

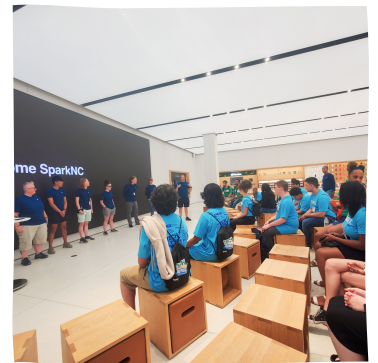
TECH CREATIVES SUMMIT



Our VCS SparkNC students unleashed their inner tech sparks at the electrifying Tech Creatives Summit on July 24-26 at NC State University's Friday Institute for Educational Innovation. Students got the opportunity to connect with tech leaders and met some of the masterminds behind North Carolina's leading tech companies including Triangle E-sports Academy, CoLab, Echo, and Tech Elevator. They also embarked on inspiring tours to tech giants like Apple, Cisco, IBM, SAS, and Wake Tech.

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HIGH TECH LEARNING ACCELERATOR COURSE

This all new High Tech Learning Accelerator course is housed at the Center for Innovation. Students from STEM Early High School, VCEC and VCHS are enrolled in this high school elective course.



Students can choose from more than 50 self-paced learning experiences on high-tech fields including E-sports, Game Development, Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, User Experience Design, Software Development, and more.



BEGINNING THE YEAR WITH CANVAS

Getting your digital classroom up and running with Canvas is as easy as 1, 2, 3! Click on the links below for help with these tasks.

1. **Cross-list your sections** to get all your students for each course into one class. Note, if you do this before you have any grades you do not need to export/import the gradebook.
2. **Import content** from the previous year to pull in all your carefully created content. If you are teaching something new this year, please reach out to Stephen Jones – stjones@vcs.k12.nc.us – for assistance with this.
3. **Connect Canvas to the PowerTeacher Pro gradebook**. You will need to repeat this process for each course. **Note**, the process has changed this year, please watch the video to learn how it works!

BEGINNING THE YEAR WITH GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Google Classroom allows you to streamline the process of sharing files with your students, boost collaboration, and fosters communication. Our elementary classrooms are expected to use Google Classroom as their LMS. This blended learning tool can facilitate learning in a synchronous or asynchronous class model.

When setting up your Google Classroom, it is the district's expectation to include the following:

- Teacher Contact Info
- Course Description/Info
- [Tech Support Info](#)
- Weekly/Daily/Themes "Topics"

For more information or help, view our tutorials in our [classroom](#).

JOIN THE VCS TEACHERS GOOGLE CLASSROOM

CFI is committed to ongoing, professional learning. We welcome everyone to join our [Google Classroom](#), VCS Teachers. Don't see what you need? Reach out to our team and let us know how we can help!



AI TOOL OF THE MONTH

Gamma.app is an AI-driven platform that generates outlines, contents, and design from a few written sentences about a website, document, or deck slides.

This platform could help teachers in saving considerable amounts of time in creating materials for their lessons. It can quickly generate content for presentations, handouts, and other teaching materials.

By reducing the time and effort spent on content creation and design, teachers can allocate more time to focusing on effective teaching strategies, individualized instruction, and engaging with their students.

Teachers should still review and customize the generated content to align with their teaching standards and objectives.

AI is a great tool but must be used appropriately.

VIEW ONE OF OUR AI
GENERATED GAMMAS



To sign up for free!

**A new medium for
presenting ideas.**

Powered by AI.

Just start writing. Beautiful, engaging content with none of the formatting and design work.

[Sign up for free](#)

WEEKLY DIGITAL LEARNING SESSIONS

The Center for Innovation will offer **Teacher Support Sessions every Thursday from 3:30 pm–5 pm beginning September 14.**

Sessions are offered district-wide with BT support prioritized. Teachers can choose the specific topic they would like help on during the month of September!

Sign-up here.

- AI for Teachers
- Google Classroom LMS
- Canvas LMS
- Blended Learning
- Schoolnet
- Canva for Educators
- Google Workspace
- Let's Talk Digital Tools
- STEM Challenges for Classrooms



FROM VANCE COUNTY STUDIOS

Welcome KHALIL GAY

We are proud to welcome Khalil Gay as the Center for Innovation's Audio Lab Facilitator! Khalil is a Vance County native and graduate of VCS.



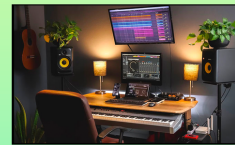
Khalil's first major project is centered around advising CFI's new audio production after-school program where students will be able to have in-depth experiences and learning sessions surrounding music production, podcasting, songwriting, instrumentation and more. Students will walk away from the club with a vast amount of knowledge and a solid portfolio to match.

Khalil's goals surrounding the audio production program mainly focus on cultivating a passion for/interest in audio for students, faculty and staff of VCS.

Know any 8th-12th grade students who would be interested in our audio production club? Click here for the registration form!

View Khalil's promotional video showcasing the audio lab's strongest features.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:



**MAKING BEATS
RECORDING MUSIC
AUDIO ENGINEERING
SONGWRITING**

**JOIN THE CENTER FOR INNOVATION'S
AFTER-SCHOOL MUSIC PRODUCTION CLUB!**

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COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS
MASTERCLASSES**



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