TeenHacks LI: Set to Run Second Bi-Annual Tech "Hackathon" at New York Institute of Technology

Old Westbury, NY - As the nation steps into the future through technology, it is increasingly important to raise the next generation of coders and entrepreneurs. Students Jeffrey Yu from Roslyn and Wesley Pergament from Jericho founded TeenHacks LI with this in mind--with a mission to build a coder community here on Long Island, and an emphasis placed on innovation and entrepreneurship, TeenHacks LI is an open and free event for all high school students.

Last fall, over 70 participants from across the tri-state area gathered at the Coder School-Syosset to take part in the first ever TeenHacks LI, a revolutionary 24-hour coding marathon. At this event, students came together to engage in "collaborative coding," where they worked in groups of two to four with the goal of prototyping solutions for real problems using computer science. The event brought together a professional array of mentors and workshops for the students to learn from throughout the event. TeenHacks LI provided a space unlike any other for students to build whatever they want, share what they make, and compete for prizes in an encouraging and stimulating environment.

Now, TeenHacks LI is excited to announce their next event. On May 25-26th, they will be hosting over 250 high school students from across the tri-state area at the New York Institute of Technology's Long Island campus for 24 hours of learning, collaborating, and creating. After garnering students ages 14 to 18 with a wide variety of coding skills from beginner to advanced, their team could not be more excited to host another event. They are currently bringing additional technology sponsors and partners, as well as judges ranging from government officials to CEOs, for students to learn from. This next event will feature an even wider variety of workshops, hardware, and software for participants to utilize throughout the 24 hours.

"New York Institute of Technology is the home of doers, makers, and innovators who want to reinvent the future," said Henry C. "Hank" Foley, Ph.D., president of NYIT. "What better school than New York Tech to host a TeenHacks LI hackathon? I congratulate all of the student organizers on how well they've brought technology and innovation to Long Island high schools in a way that makes coding fun, accessible, and highly educational."

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"TeenHacks LI has done an amazing job bringing the thrill of coding to Long Island's youth," said Nada Marie Anid, Ph.D., vice president for strategic communications and external affairs for NYIT. "New York Institute of Technology is delighted to serve as the site of their biggest 24-hour hackathon of 2019 as we welcome programmers, designers, builders, and developers from all over the region to our Old Westbury campus."

High school students are encouraged to apply now at teenhacksli.com.

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Students from TeenHacks LI's Fall 2018 pilot event.

Students working throughout the night at TeenHacks LI Fall 2018.