



NGT360 2.0 NEWSLETTER

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

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NGT360 DEBUTS YOUTH INNOVATION AT HISTORIC WAWABILITY 2025

Connect-IT 360 proudly showcased its award-winning youth innovation program, NGT360, at **WAWABILITY 2025** on July 11 and 12, a landmark event celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). During this historic summit, **NGT360 shared its mission on a national level:** *Empowering high school students to become purpose-driven innovators using technology, empathy, and creativity to solve real-world accessibility challenges.*

For founder Robyn Mussler, the event was deeply personal. She reflected on her sister Susie, who had Down syndrome, saying,

"Imagine a world where we see each soul for its light, not its limits. That's the world Susie saw—and the one I've believed in since the day she was born."



One of the most powerful moments of WAWABILITY 2025 came when NGT360 highlighted the power of youth-driven innovation by **featuring Mobixx**, the winners of the 2024-25 season.

Team Mobixx unveiled the **MobiGlove**—a wearable device paired with a mobile app to help individuals with hand mobility challenges regain function and independence

KICKING OFF WITH BOLD IDEAS

On Day One, NGT360 Founder Robyn Mussler and Vice Chair Scott Vejdani teamed up with Mobixx for a **virtual panel at the WAWABILITY 2025 Future of Accessibility Summit**, where students shared how NGT360 transformed them—with expert mentorship, insights into accessible design, and hands-on experience.



Later at the **Technology Expo**, NGT360 showcased the program alongside industry leaders like ZP Better Together, CSD, and Amazon. Mobixx unveiled their prototype, and **alumna Nitya Padmanabhan (2022-23 winner)**, now studying at the University of Maryland, shared how the program still shapes her path today.

MAIN STAGE MOMENTS

On Day Two, Robyn and the Mobixx team shared how NGT360's mission to provide accessibility for all was inspired by Robyn's sister Susie—and built on the belief that true innovation means designing *with* people, not just *for* them.



The students echoed that message in their own words:

"It's been a transformational journey." – **Madeline Chadwick**

"Accessibility isn't optional." – **Leila Rivera**

"We had a team of mentors who never gave up." – **Anshita Sahu**

Mobixx is proof that NGT360 **doesn't just create innovators—it creates changemakers** who lead with empathy and build with purpose.

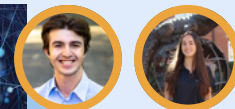
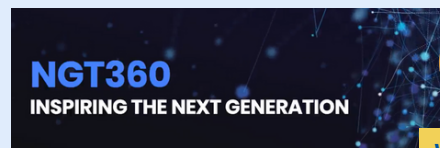


**BIG
THANKS,
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IMPACT!**

We extend our **heartfelt thanks to the WAWABILITY team** for allowing us to share our mission and for creating a space where accessibility is not just a theme, but a lived commitment.

Special thanks and congratulations to **Warren "Wawa" Snipe, AnnMarie Killian, Foo Dog Productions, Inc., Andrew White, Tiffany K. White, Au.D., and Chris Wilson** for leading such a powerful and inspiring event.

NEXT GEN IN MOTION



[Watch their Journey](#)

From interns to innovators, from competitors to changemakers, **Alex Kranias** and **Nia Balieva** are proof of what's possible when we invest in youth through opportunity, mentorship, and real-world experience.

Stories like theirs wouldn't happen without the guidance of our dedicated mentors. **Make an impact on the next generation - join us today!**



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LOOKING BACK TO MOVE FORWARD

Season 10 marked a major milestone—our first year challenging students to design tech solutions that improve accessibility for people with disabilities.

The result? **Real innovation powered by empathy and creativity.**

As we prepare for Season 11, we're continuing our mission to show that *designing with accessibility in mind helps create a better world for everyone.*

Join us in looking back at the season that redefined what youth-powered innovation can do!



WHAT'S NEXT: BUILDING SEASON 11 TOGETHER

As we prepare for Season 11, we remain committed to designing with accessibility in mind and creating a world where everyone belongs. **To power this mission, we're looking for passionate mentors, sponsors and students to join us:**



Mentors: Inspire future innovators. Share your expertise and help students turn big ideas into real solutions.

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Sponsors: Help us grow our impact! Your support provides scholarships, tools, and opportunities that open doors.

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Students: Learn more about joining NGT360, where you can build real tech, pitch your ideas, and become an innovator!

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SHARKMAKERS UNVEILED: A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS SOONS

At WAWABILITY 2025, we announced **Sharkmakers**—the next evolution of our mission to unlock opportunity for all.

Focused on accessible innovation and community collaboration, Sharkmakers will provide new pathways to mentorship, funding, and leadership training.



"Sharkmakers empowers youth to become bold, purpose-driven innovators—creators who lead with empathy, build with intention, and solve real problems others often overlook"

Learn how Sharkmakers is shaping the leaders of tomorrow—more exciting updates coming soon!

[Learn More!](#)

TEEN INNOVATORS
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Stay tuned—new Teen Innovators episodes are on the way!

In the meantime, **check out the full series on YouTube** to dive into our student-hosted podcast that connects future leaders to expert business insights, startup resources, and the journeys of young innovators in the NGT360 program.

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