



SHARK MAKERS



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Mentor Kickoff Recap

Our **SharkMakers Mentor Kickoff** set an inspiring tone for the new season. Mentors gathered for a special presentation featuring speakers Robyn Mussler, board members Scott Vejdani, Cassandra Bernard & Tony Greene, judge/sponsor Kurt Heitmann, past winner Madeline Chadwick, alumni Christian De Napoli, and alumni parent Angelica Chadwick.



The event highlighted the vision for the upcoming season, the growth of SharkMakers, the docuseries, and the essential role mentors play in supporting student teams. It was also a chance for **mentors to connect, share ideas, and build relationships** that will shape this year's journey.

New Board Member!

We're proud to spotlight **Cassandra Bernard**, our newest SharkMakers board member. Cassandra first joined the program as a participant in 2019-2020, winning an award of distinction and was inducted into the Hall of Fame last season. She has a strong background in design and marketing and brings a valuable alumni perspective to the board.



Make an Impact This Giving Tuesday!

This **Giving Tuesday, Dec. 2nd**, we invite you to support the next wave of young innovators. By donating to SharkMakers, you're directly investing in students who are **developing accessible, meaningful solutions for real-world challenges**. Your generosity empowers them to dream bigger, design boldly, and make an impact in their communities.

Donate here!

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Student Registration: Join Now!

Student registration for the 2025-2026 SharkMakers season is officially open! We're excited to welcome a new group of innovators ready to explore entrepreneurship, accessibility, and real-world problem-solving. Students who register will gain access to mentor support, workshops, team collaboration, and the chance to develop solutions that make a meaningful impact. **Make sure to register in time for the Student Kickoff on 12/13!**



Register!



Deadline for Registration : 12/10

Register by 12/5 to receive a \$150 discount on your fundraising requirement!

Virtual Student Info Sessions

We held our first Info Session on November 17th with a group of very enthusiastic students eager to learn about SharkMakers and this year's focus on accessibility and innovation.

Don't miss the latest updates from this season!

DEC 2nd : 6:30pm

DEC 6th : 12pm

Register!



DECEMBER HOLIDAY SPOTLIGHTS

