

JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Equitus AI: A Hub for Innovation



On **June 10th**, some of our interns held a meeting at **Equitus AI**, in Clearwater, FL. We want to extend our gratitude to Equitus for allowing Connect-IT to host this meeting! The interns **brainstormed ideas for the upcoming season** and the **Fall Innovate 360 Bootcamp**.

How Teen Entrepreneurs Are Shaping Their Future

Teenagers are **gaining valuable skills in problem-solving, communication, and financial literacy through entrepreneurship programs**. A study by the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship found that **87%** of high school students who participated in these programs went on to higher education.

Research from Junior Achievement revealed that **20%** of student entrepreneurs started a business before turning 18, with **60%** still running their businesses after five years.

These early experiences **build confidence and independence, giving teens an advantage in college admissions and job opportunities**.

Podcast Launch

NGT 360 is proud to announce the launch of our **NEW teen entrepreneur podcast**. Our first episode will discuss the benefits of NGT and feature interviews with the 2023-24 winners **New2Fit** (1st Place) and **ShelfSense** (3rd Place) about their experiences with the program. *Stay tuned for more updates on our podcast!*

How Far Has NGT Come?



This upcoming 2024-2025 season marks **NGT's 10th year**. Over the past 9 years, NGT360 has **awarded over \$131,000 in grant prizes** to winning teams.

Additionally, NGT360 has **impacted over 1,200** students across the Tampa Bay area, helping young entrepreneurs bring their ideas to life! The skills these students learn through this program provide a **unique opportunity that carries into their adult lives**.

Interested in Joining?

Sign up today to learn about our **upcoming NGT360 season** starting in December and our **Fall Innovate 360 Programs** kicking off in September!

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