



We strive to keep you informed about the latest trends and insights at Inclusive Technology of Washington. Whether you're a parent or a student, or simply looking to stay updated, we've curated a selection of articles that cover important topics as we grow as an organization.

PRESIDENT RUTH BACHA MESSAGE



I recently heard a story of a teacher who lined her students up for a short race on a field, to teach an object lesson about equity. Prior to starting the race, the teacher asked a series of questions related to how various students might have certain advantages in life. For example, those with a certain ethnicity were asked to take a step forward. Those who came from a two-parent family were to take a step forward. The teacher continued with various categories that have been shown to be significant in equity issues. By the time the race was about to begin, the disparity among the students was quite evident. Although the ground to cover in the race was quite short, many of the students were already well on their way to crossing the finish line.

We live in a season in which one's ability to access technology plays a huge role in what kinds of advantages we have in achieving success in the "races" we must "run" in life. And for those in under-served communities, even the basic needs of self-advocacy, social connectedness, and pre-vocational readiness, can be impaired. This need is at the heart of what Inclusive Technology of Washington addresses.

We are approaching the one-year anniversary of Inclusive Technology of Washington teaching under-served populations science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) while teaching essential life skills and self-advocacy. You will see in subsequent pages of this newsletter how much we have accomplished in this time frame! For those of you who have supported us through donations of your time and money, we thank you!

Still, our work is far from over! Because our class sizes are kept low (out of necessity) and our instruction is open to even those with limited resources to pay, our expenses continue to exceed our revenues. In recent months we have incurred some debt in order to keep our classes open. As we look forward to expanding even further our reach this coming fall of 2025, our shortfalls are bound to increase.

And so, I challenge each of you to "take the next step" with our organization. For those of you who are first hearing about us, please consider forwarding this newsletter on to others to spread the word, or watch the video of our recent online talent show (link is below). For those of you who already know of the good work we do, please consider supporting us in other ways. For example, signing up to volunteer to assist our instructors during class times to help us keep instructor ratios high. Or volunteering to assist with our upcoming fundraiser on October 4th either with your time and/or procuring items for us to auction off (more details in subsequent pages). Or make a recurring donation to sponsor a student. Or a recurring donation to sponsor an entire class of students. Or if you own a business (or have connections with a business owner or corporation), we encourage you to consider sponsoring an entire class location, such as all our classes in Kirkland, Issaquah, Tukwila, Federal Way, Maple Valley, Enumclaw, or Tacoma. More details will be forthcoming about corporate sponsorship opportunities, but feel free to contact us now if you think this might be of interest to you. Every contribution is significant, and every contribution will help us further our mission!

For more information or to provide support, click on the links below.

[Donate](#)

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SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date



BRIGHT FUTURES LUNCHEON

*Join us to help support our students
and create bright futures with technology!*

Saturday October 4th, 10am - 12pm

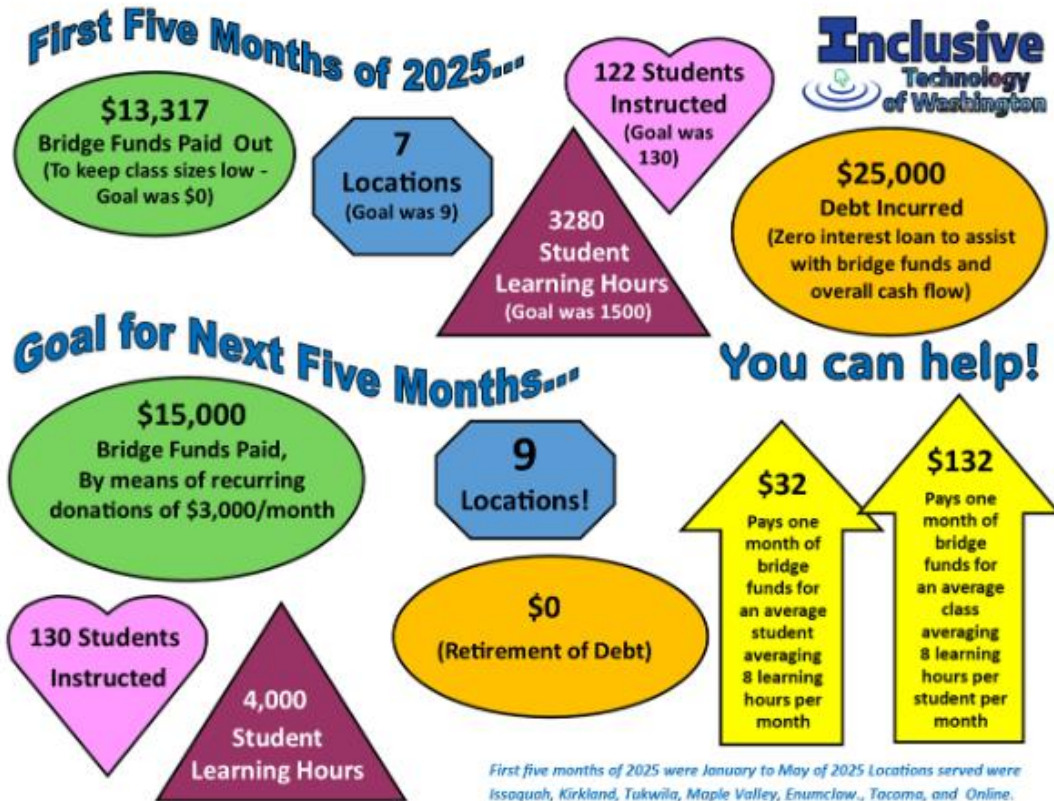
Tickets are \$50 and include lunch

Outback Steakhouse,
15100 SE 38th St, Bellevue, WA 98006



IMPACT & NEEDS

These graphics tell the story—we're not there yet. Several determined students are still waiting for their chance to start classes, and the only thing standing in their way is the steady support that recurring donors provide. You have the power to change that *today*. Click the “**Donate**” button below and help us turn waiting lists into course completion certificates.



Progress towards MONTHLY recurring donations pledges for 2025...



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FALL CLASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays

Sundays

- Classes in Issaquah
- Life Skills
 - STEAM
 - Lego Coding

Mondays

- Classes in Enumclaw
- Life Skills
 - STEAM

Tuesdays

- Classes in Tukwila
- Life Skills
 - Lego coding 6pm - 7pm

Day TBD

- Classes in Maple Valley
- Life Skills
 - STEAM
 - Lego Coding

Wednesdays

- Classes in Federal Way
- Life Skills
 - Steam 6pm - 7pm

Thursdays

- Classes in Kirkland
- Life Skills
 - Lego coding 6pm - 7pm

[Register for Maple Valley Classes \(Ages 7-13\)](#)

[Email to Register](#)

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE



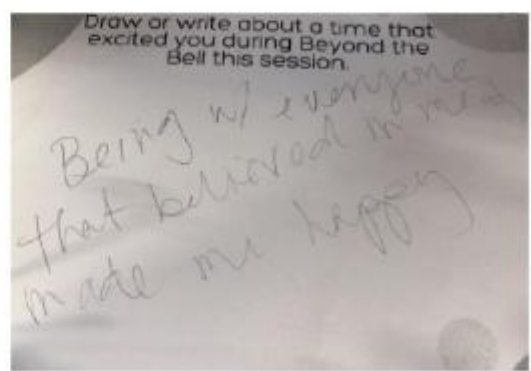
Work Opportunity

We recently connected with [AI Data Innovations](#) which conducts game design research! Participants who are selected to participate go to a location in Redmond or Bellevue and get a chance to test out VR or other video games and give feedback. This is suitable for students who can complete the study independently and who are okay wearing headphones or a VR headset and using game controllers. This is a PAID opportunity and interested people can fill out the linked survey!

[LEARN MORE](#)

**Class Program of the Month:
"Beyond the Bell" After School Program**

Inclusive Technology of Washington provides STEAM instruction in the form of after school programs in inner-city Tacoma! Our students are elementary aged and have a variety of neurodiverse needs! Here are some of the "feedback drawings" we received over the course of this past school year for our programs! The students were asked "what do you like best about your after-school program," and this is what they drew....!



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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

INCLUSIVE TECHNOLOGY OF WASHINGTON

OLDER GIRL INTERNSHIP



Attention Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts! Come be an intern with Inclusive Tech and earn a Journey at NO COST while helping our organization! Internship includes the Discover, Connect AND Take Action Project!

Choose from Justice, Your Voice Your World, or Think Like a Programmer.

In **Justice** help develop programming for our students to teach them about the environment and issues that matter to you.

In **Your Voice Your World** be an advocate for our community (neurodivergent students) and find ways to make positive change in the world.

In **Think Like a Programmer** learn how computers work and work with other volunteers and staff on website development or coding applications we use to track our data.

Commitment Level: 25 hours per journey

Questions? Contact us
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