



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.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

RUTH BACHA



The date was March 22, 2020. My husband Steve and I sat in a socially distanced manner at a table in our home with Kira Sorenson, who at the time was an instructor with Engage Thru Tech (the predecessor of Inclusive Technology of Washington). We knew that COVID restrictions were to take place starting the next day, and that this would greatly impact our mission to teach technology skills to underserved communities. Nonetheless, we were determined to figure out a way to continue what we had started. I silently said a prayer that all would go well.

Fast forward to today. Engage Thru Tech survived the COVID shutdowns by quickly pivoting to online classes... and grew in scope of whom we served in spite of (or perhaps because of) the limitations placed on us. And then (about a year ago) we morphed into the non-profit Inclusive Technology of Washington and began serving even greater numbers of students in underserved communities. And along the way, these underserved communities found their voice, and began to explore self-advocacy as well as connections through interpersonal effectiveness skills. This was an answer to prayers for many!

And yet, somehow it feels like we (along with many non-profits) are yet again facing another existential threat. But I know well enough that the voice of underserved communities cannot and should not be silenced. And I have seen firsthand how access to technology skills (which is at the core of Inclusive Technology of Washington) paves the way for voices to be heard.

So I invite you to dive further into the pages of this newsletter to see the impact we have made on the lives of those living in underserved communities. Also, feel free to click on the link below to see our **NEW AND UPDATED WEBSITE** with even more ways to connect with stories of those benefiting from our work! And stay tuned over the next few weeks for more information on way you can help join our cause, to make the world a better place!

Featured Students

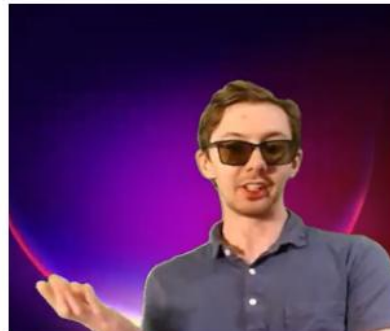
For this month's newsletter, we would like to feature FOUR students! These four students are interning with Inclusive Technology of Washington this year... and we couldn't be more excited to "brag" about them! Together, they worked as a team to produce the video we showed at our October 4th annual luncheon... and they did a marvelous job!

Each one of these interns is neurodiverse in some manner, but each of them has skills and talents that are exceptional! And by dividing up the various tasks required for producing the video, each of them was able to play to their strengths! Be sure to check out the video link at the bottom of this article!

And so... without further ado... I present to you our four interns who helped make our annual video possible!



Lisa was our script writer and video organizer!



Benjamin was our video editor, including animated effects!



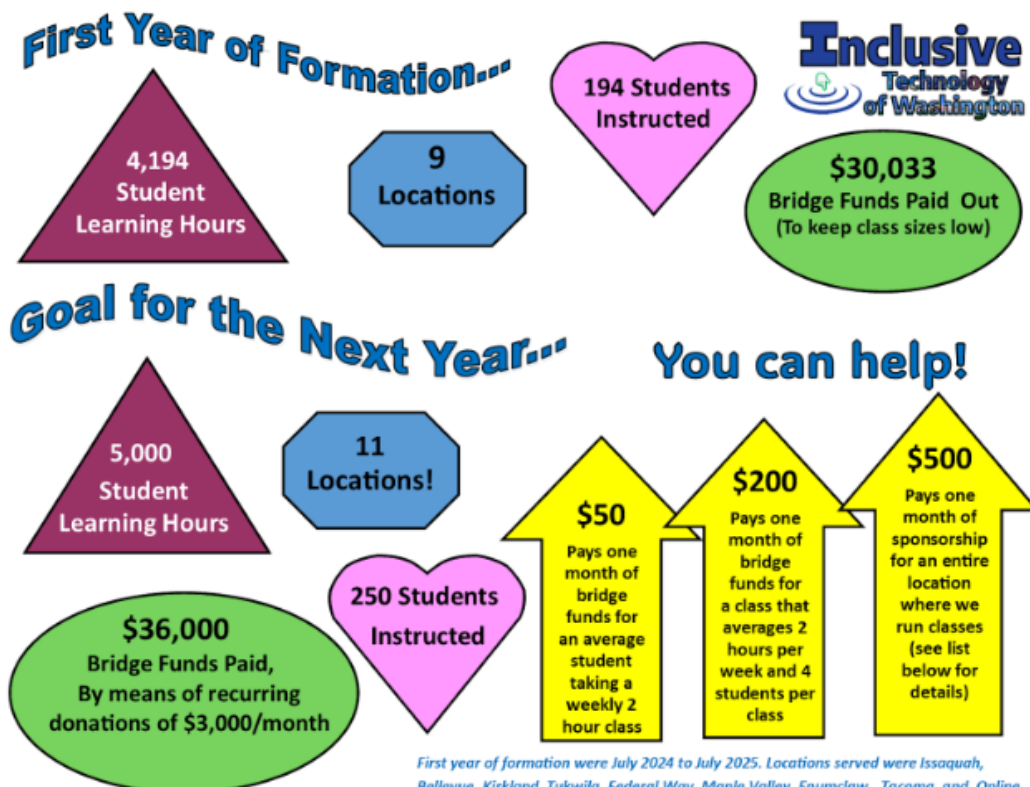
Sam interviewed several of the participants!



Tony produced the credit roll for the video!



IMPACT & NEEDS



Financial Update

*Inclusive Technology of Washington has accomplished much during its first year of inception (since July of 2024)! **We have instructed 194 students in nine locations, for a total of 4194 student learning hours!** This has largely been due to \$30,033 in **bridge funds** which have helped to keep class sizes low. And since **many of our students cannot learn in classes any larger than we have**, we continue to need large amounts of funding to keep these classes open!*

A large portion of this \$30K in funds was from a “startup” donation that is not recurring. Therefore, *Inclusive Technology of Washington is **seeking RECURRING donations** in the form of private donations and/or sponsorships of organizations! Please consider joining us at our **Give Big Telethon, Talent Show, and Online Auction** to learn more about how you can get involved!*

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 active classes!

DONATE NOW

Upcoming Events



Join us on Give Big Tuesday throughout the day as we feature the locations of our various classes, online "telethon style!" More details to follow!

Save the Date!

GIVE BIG TUESDAY Telethon!



Tuesday, December 2nd
Times throughout the day
to be announced!



For more information, email
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INCLUSIVE TECHNOLOGY

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Online Talent Show

DECEMBER 6, 2025 10AM - 11:30 AM

Come see our students work from the last six months! See them show off their games, movies and more while learning more about the programs we provide! Online fundraiser auction to follow!

Mx. Kendal Holzman

OUR NEW INSTRUCTOR

Mx. Kendal Holzman comes to ITW with a long and varied history of working with individuals in all aspects of life; including those who are differently abled, queer communities, and other underserved populations.

Mx. Holzman furthered their career and efforts to advocate for those who are unable to advocate for themselves as a family preservation counselor. Later, as a behavioral technician focusing on social and independent living skills, they assisted their clients in learning techniques to aid them in interacting with the world around them in sustainable ways.

This passion for serving the communities they themselves are a part of, has led them to this opportunity with ITW as a group and one on one instructor. Mx. Holzman is excited to embark on this journey and for the opportunity to work with their students in this way, giving them access to express themselves and grow in their creative pursuits.

In their personal time they enjoy spending time with chosen family and friends, including their service dog, Onyx. They've been in the PNW for the past 4 years and have set roots down in Washington after relocating throughout various parts of the country over the past decade. They're looking forward to this next adventure with ITW and all of the possibilities. There is ability in every disability



Class Schedule

Most of our classes are very small and consist of four or fewer students! Our active classes with openings are listed below and we also form new classes based on requests so send us an email if you want to sign up for an existing class, or get on a waitlist for a new class!

To join or request a class please email Kira
ett.KiraSorensen@gmail.com



Lego Coding

Ongoing, email to Register

Thursdays, 6:15pm - 7:15pm, Kirkland

Come join us in a small class environment and learn lego coding! Use the Lego Spike program (similar to scratch) to code a car you build.



Computer Lab

Ongoing, Email to Register

Sundays, 12:30pm - 1:30pm, Issaquah

Come join us in a small class environment and learn lego coding! Use the Lego Spike program (similar to scratch) to code a car, work on animation, graphic design, coding and more!

Messages from our Partners



Roots2Wings has unveiled their updated website!

Our Mission: Connecting and nurturing a community of families and partners to assist neurodiverse members navigating the journey from high school to post-secondary education and beyond

[Check it out Here!](#)