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March Into Some Great Opportunities!

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Charlotte NEXT Blast!

Here is where you will find out the latest information about Charlotte NEXT. MeckEd is dedicated to providing quality out-of-school time programs and resources through our initiative: Charlotte NEXT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Charlotte NEXT RFP



Thank you for the overwhelming amount of applications we received through the Charlotte NEXT School Partnership RFP! We are being to review and look to

announce recipients by May.

Congrats Ms. Kim!



Ms. Kim was selected to present at the NC Center for Afterschool Program'Synergry Conference this April! Ms. Kim is the Executive Director of Firm Foundations Youth & Family Outreach, Inc. Her program, Teens Together, serves as one of the five funded programs through Charlotte NEXT at James Martin Middle School. We look forward to presenting alongside one of our providers!

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES!

Free Spanish Classes!

Soy Latino Como Tu

Spanish Classes



Connecting you with your Roots through the Language

SPRING PROGRAM 2019

An educational experience for children from 6 to 18 years old, who will Learn Spanish and Hispanic culture in an environment that promotes diversity and integration. Through this experience they will learn about the Latin American richness. This is a unique opportunity to learn a second language and become not only bilingual but also bicultural.

Free Spanish classes for SLT members

March 2 - April 27, 2019

Saturdays: 10am - 12pm

Harris YMCA:

Cato Education Center
5900 Quail Hollow Rd,
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Space is limited



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Free Summer Immersion Program!
Girls Who Code



Learn more about Girls Who Code & the Summer Immersion Program.

Girls Who Code is offering a **FREE 7-week [Summer Immersion Program](#)** that teaches 10th–11th grade students (rising juniors or seniors) the computer science skills they need to make an impact in their community while preparing for a career in tech. In the Summer Immersion Program, girls will learn about:

CAREERS

— They'll meet inspiring female role models in the field and get an inside look at the tech world through guest speakers, workshops, fun field trips and more! Their summer will be spent in classrooms hosted at the world's top companies, like Twitter, Amazon, AT&T, Warner Brothers, and Microsoft.

SKILLS AND IMPACT — They'll learn to code through hands-on real-world projects in art and storytelling, robotics, video games, websites, apps, and more. By the end of the summer, they'll also create a final project that solves a real-world problem they care about -- combining their new coding skills with their passions to change the world!

SISTERHOOD — As essential members of our Girls Who Code sisterhood, they'll learn in a supportive, all-female environment and make lifelong friendships that encourage them to be brave, take risks, and stand up for what matters to them!

Students do not need to be associated with a Girls Who Code Club, and in fact, no prior experience in computer science is necessary to apply. In addition to providing a free program, Girls Who Code provides students with free lunch every day. Summer stipends to cover transportation and living costs.

The application closes on March 15.

Calling All Art Students!

Imagine Mecklenburg Student Art Contest



Let your artwork show "What does success look like for you?" Registration must be received by March 4, 2019. This contest is brought to you by [Mecklenburg County](#), [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council](#), and [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools](#).

- [Imagine Mecklenburg Student Art Contest Flyer](#)
- [Imagine Mecklenburg Art Contest Registration Form](#)
- [Imagine Mecklenburg Contest Official Rules](#)

Water Challenge Ambassadors

EarthEcho International



The EarthEcho Water Challenge Ambassadors are young environmental leaders ages 14-22 from across the United States.

Ambassadors expand their knowledge of water quality and conservation, carry out ongoing efforts to monitor local water quality, and receive training to help them plan and implement water monitoring and conservation focused education programming in their communities.

Applications for the 2019 class of EarthEcho Water Challenge Ambassadors are open through **March 1, 2019**.

Read more at www.monitorwater.org/ambassadors

[Apply Now!](#)

UNCF STEM Scholars Program



The UNCF STEM Scholars Program is a 10-year initiative designed to identify and provide scholarship and academic support for a total of 500 talented African American high school students who aspire to earn STEM degrees and to pursue careers in STEM fields.

The program enables highly capable young people to pursue undergraduate STEM majors and prepares them for successful careers in a variety of STEM professions. The application is open for high school seniors who are entering college as first-time freshmen in Fall 2019.

To qualify, applicants must:

- - Be African American
- - Be a citizen, legal permanent resident, or national of the United States
- - Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on an unweighted 4.0 scale
- - Pursued a rigorous course of study in high school in math and science courses, including pre-calculus
- - Have demonstrated financial and unmet need as measured by the student's college or university
- - Show evidence of readiness for and commitment to pursue STEM majors, including biological/life sciences, physics, chemistry, computer science/engineering, information sciences, engineering (industrial, mechanical, electrical or chemical), mathematics
- - Complete all of the application essays
- - Arrange for a letter of recommendation to be submitted via the UNCF application portal
- - Be enrolled for the first time at a U.S.-located, accredited college or university (with the exception of students concurrently pursuing a high school diploma)

while taking college-level courses) in the fall as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student

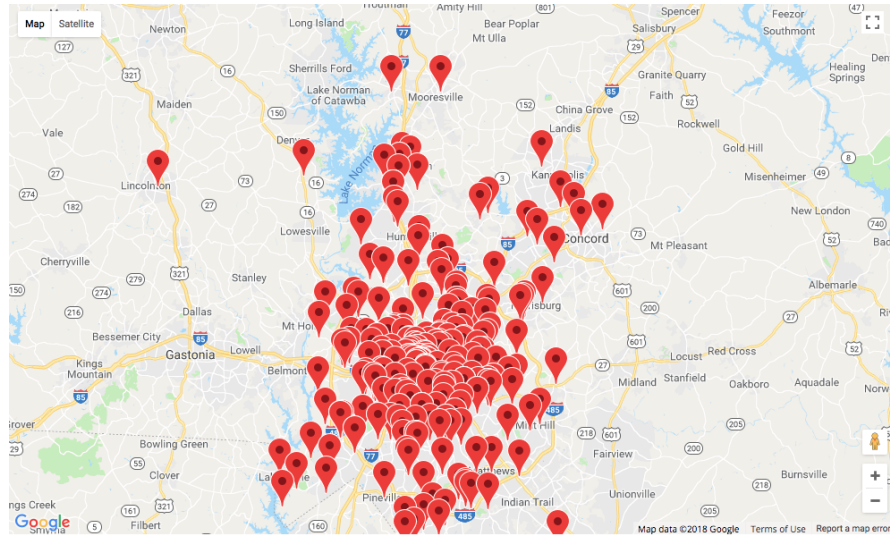
- - Complete and submit the application by the deadline of **March 3, 2019**, 11:59pm EST/8:59pm PST

FAQ: <https://www.uncf.org/programs/fund-ii-uncf-stem-scholars/pages/stem-scholar-program-faq>

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ONLINE TOOLS!

[The Locator](#)



The Locator is an online tool that helps to connect children and families to Out-of-School Time programs as well as mentoring opportunities for young people and their families in Mecklenburg County. There are currently more than 400 program sites on The Locator.

For inquiries and information on The Locator, please contact Tiyana Brown at tbrown@mecked.org.

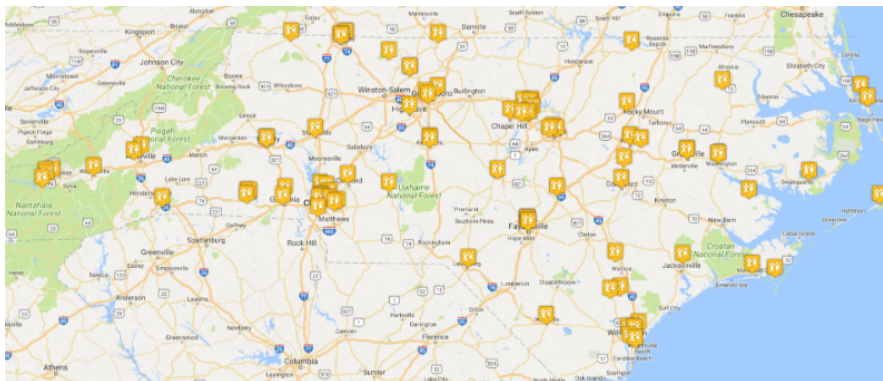
[The Locator](#)

We want your feedback!

Please take about 3 minutes to complete our quick survey on The Locator.

[Survey](#)

[NC Mapping Database of Out-of-School Time Programs](#)



The NC Center for Afterschool Programs [NC CAP] developed a statewide, searchable database for out-of-school time programs (OST) programs that serve K-12 youth before school, after school, summers, weekends and during school breaks. Programs can take place in schools, school-age child care centers, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, universities, libraries, museums, camps, and other locations can register their programs in the statewide mapping database. You can utilize this database to search for information on program locations, activities, number and grades of youth served. This database helps families, schools, communities and elected officials locate programs for their youth. It also aids in identifying community assets and gaps in out-of-school time programming.

Registering your program in the statewide database is easy and takes less than two minutes. [Register](#) your program today!

Want MeckEd to share your upcoming event or program? Have questions about how MeckEd can support your organization? Please email Tiyana Brown at tbrown@mecked.org.



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