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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we reflect on 2024, Tech Kids Unlimited (TKU) is proud of the strides we've made to **empower neurodivergent youth through technology education and career preparation**. We focused on deepening partnerships, **adapting new curriculums, and launching specialized career pathway courses** tailored to the unique needs of our students. By collaborating with industry leaders and community organizations, we created programs that teach 21st-century tech skills and help students apply them in meaningful, real-world contexts.



TKU continues to be dedicated to its **mission of equipping neurodivergent youth with the tools they need to succeed in an ever-evolving technological landscape**, shaping a future where every student has the chance to shine. Thank you for joining us on this incredibly important journey.

Beth Rosenberg
Executive Director

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

This past year was exceptional for Tech Kids Unlimited. Special **thanks to our students, parents, teachers, staff, funders and partners** for making it happen. **TKU unlocks unlimited possibilities for neurodivergent students**, and we continue to make strong strides toward our mission.

Our partnership with the Pennsylvania Special Education Department (PATTAN) where **we created an adapted curriculum for a drone pilot training course** was a major accomplishment and it opened a new frontier.



We built on this by creating **an adapted Digital Marketing & E-Commerce Grow with Google course** to make it accessible. 23 students completed this course and in 2025 many of them will get internships through our partner AHRC. TKU is now acknowledged as a true expert in adapting curriculum for our students.

It is inspiring to see the impact programs have on the students as they **make new friends in a safe environment, build new technology skills with graphics, drones or programming, or learn workplace and social skills**. I am lucky to represent this incredible resilient non-profit organization whose focus is the success of our unique student population.

Ryan Linden

President, Board of Directors

WELCOME TO

TKU

MISSION

Tech Kids Unlimited (TKU) uses technology tools, computer science thinking, and social-emotional learning to ignite *unlimited* futures for neurodiverse students in need. Students who learn and think differently explore the creative power of tech, practice work readiness skills, and build confidence through virtual and in-person programs in a fun and supportive community.

Tech Kids Unlimited is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization.

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Empowered Neurodiverse Youth

Supported 540+ students to gain tech and social-emotional skills through tailored workshops.

Built an Inclusive Community

Fostered a safe, creative space for students to grow and connect with one another.

Expanded Career Pathways

Prepared teens and young adults for meaningful employment
in tech and related fields.

Advanced Digital Literacy

Provided cutting-edge tech education to empower students to
thrive in a digital-first world.

542

Unique Students

“Digital Agency helped me navigate how to communicate on the computer.”

T., Student, Age 17

“Just a proud mom that she gets this far—TKU is one of our best partners in moving forward for her career future!”

Parent

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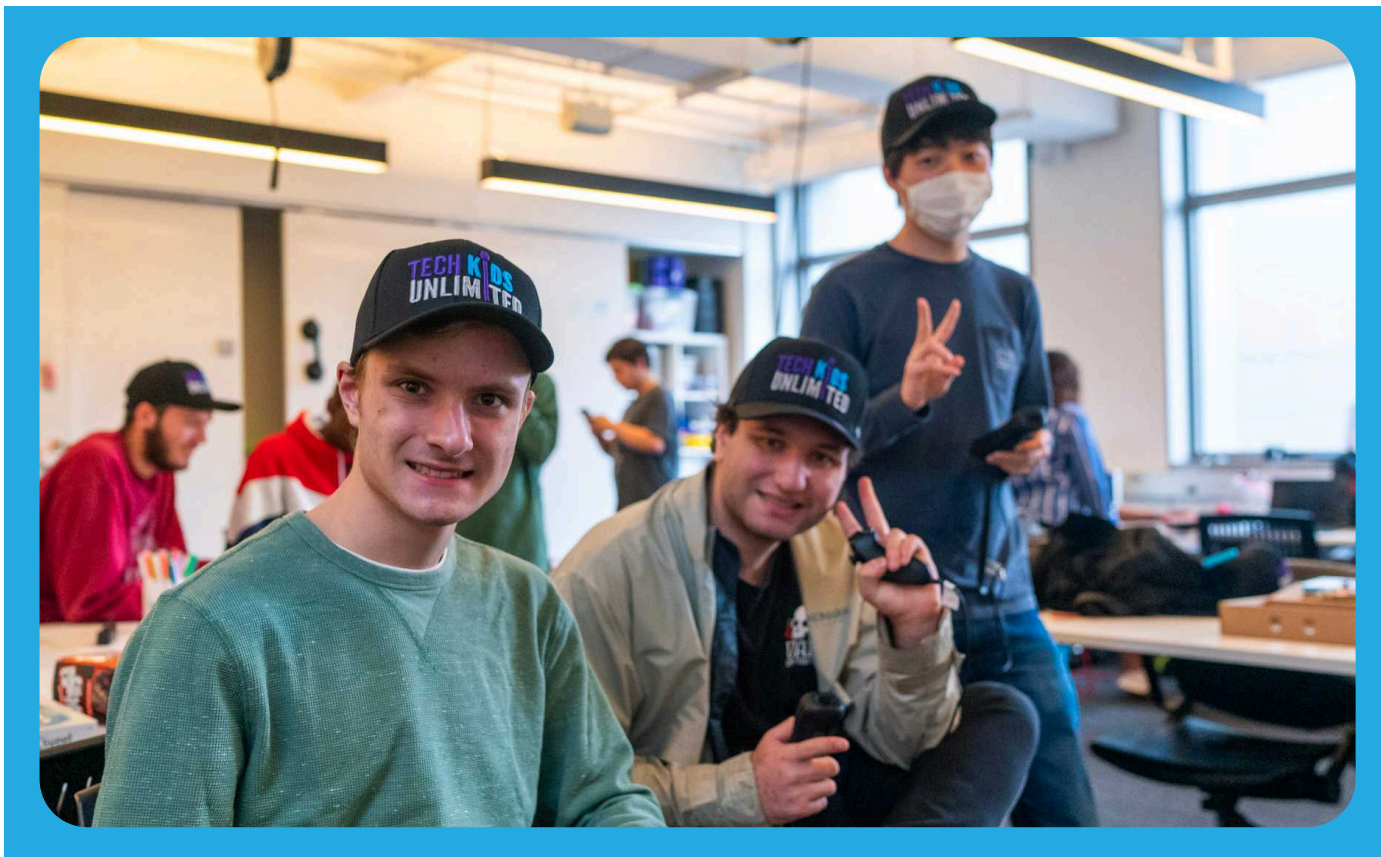
Programs

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Conference Presentations by Staff

“I love participating in TKU because it is fun to interact with others and do fun projects together. Everyone is nice to me and they are always there to help me when I need it.”

M., Student, Age 19



Students at a Friday night Tech Social.

“Tech Kids Unlimited is more than just an organization—it’s a community where neurodiverse students grow personally, professionally, and socially through the power of digital technology. TKU empowers them to build skills, confidence, and connections for a more balanced and fulfilling life.”

Harrison Lung

Board Member



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Internship Worksites

"I like virtual programs at TKU because I get to make some new friends and learn things—unlike most schools nowadays. In TKU they actually teach you things."

R., Student, Age 18

"My child's confidence has improved being a part of a team that fosters and matches one of her innate interests. My child is eager to attend and complete TKU class sessions."

Parent

850+

Hours of Instruction

Students from

12

States

"I hope to go to college or learn more technology skills...I feel like Tech Kids Unlimited has helped me in job skills, like working on our resumes."

S., Student, Age 19

RESEARCH

Listen4Good

TKU participated in Listen4Good, a strategy program that helps non-profits gather data on student experiences to improve success.

"He has become more confident in his computer skills and in his ability to learn. He spoke about his experience at TKU and hopes to attend more workshops and eventually make some friends."

Parent

KF-STRIDE

Students in Career Ladder programs participated in KF-STRIDE, a software training initiative focusing on developing unique strengths. Through 10 web-based lessons, the program helped students develop effective interview skills.

Graduate Research

PhD research by doctoral candidate Gina Tesorio (University of Washington) focused on young adults with special education experiences and the role of emerging technologies in shaping learning environments. The study aimed to collaboratively evaluate the integration of AI tools to create a more dynamic and empowering educational space.



Students and staff members presented at the CUNY Neurodiversity Conference, Spring 2024.

“When you have a neurodiverse kid, you just automatically come into spaces with your guard up, and it was nice to just come and just let him be himself. Just the welcoming vibe from the moment we go here is what you’re always looking for.”

Parent

TECH KNOWLEDGE WORKSHOPS

SUNDAY TECH WORKSHOPS

Virtual & in-person workshops focused on learning new tech skills and building on existing skills.

TOPICS INCLUDED:

- Digital Art Studio
- Digital Storytelling Studio
- Photo and Video Editing
- 3D Modeling
- Video Game Design

DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS

A free virtual afterschool program where students explored topics of interest with peers and built communication skills in a supportive environment.

TOPICS INCLUDED:

- AI Usage in Videos
- Plagiarism & Copyright
- A History of the Internet
- How to do Online Research
- Benefits of Video Games

TECH SOCIALS

Evening gatherings where students hung out, played games, and shared in a community of techies.

TOPICS INCLUDED:

- 2000's Nostalgia
- Fall Festival
- Winter Wonderland: Polar Express Party
- Mystery Masquerade
- Friendsgiving

SUMMER WEEKLONG WORKSHOPS

In-person and virtual week-long workshops from 10AM to 4PM ET each day for 6 weeks.

TOPICS INCLUDED:

- Video Game Design & Tabletop Games
- Digital Art & Animation
- Photo Editing & Video Production
- Creative Coding & STEM Maker Lab
- 3D Modeling & Game Development

CAREER LADDER

CREATIVE TECH INTERNSHIP (CTI)

A career-readiness program held throughout the school year on Fridays for teens/young adults interested in creative tech-based fields.

TOPICS INCLUDED

- Workplace Soft Skills
- Graphic Design
- Digital Marketing
- Artificial Intelligence

COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM (CAP)

A virtual program designed to help students navigate the transition to college life.

TOPICS INCLUDED

- Educational Rights & Accommodations
- Handling New Academic Environments
- Practicing Self-Advocacy

LEVEL UP TECH (LUT)

Career pathway programs designed to help students develop the skills needed to start exploring employment in specific fields.

- Digital Marketing and E-Commerce
- Introduction to Drones

DIGITAL AGENCY (DA)

A virtual program where teens with advanced tech skills completed projects for actual clients and received stipends.

TOPICS INCLUDED

- Web Design & Development
- Product Feedback
- Marketing Content Creation
- Video Production
- Graphic Design

CAREER READINESS INTERNSHIP SUMMER PROGRAM (CRISP)

College age students worked on technology projects in an internship site matched to their skill level and interests, in-person or virtually.

TOPICS INCLUDED

- Social Emotional Management
- Networking Practice & Setting Goals
- Portfolio & Resume building

“This is the best class I’ve ever taken in my entire life.”

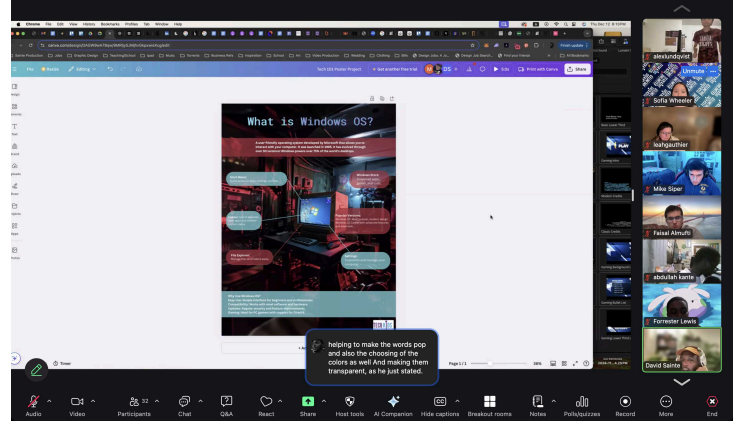
D., Student, Age 22, Level Up Tech

PROGRAMS

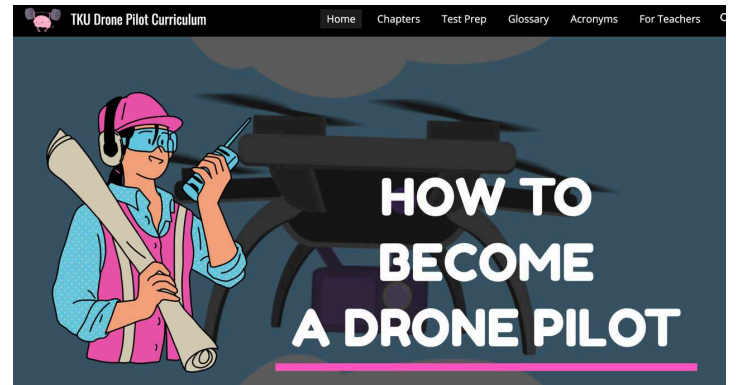
Tech Knowledge



Career Ladder



A Digital Agency virtual meeting.



The Drone adapted curriculum.



Students created social media content for AMC Network's "Orphan Black: Echoes."

General Highlights



TKU received an award from the Center for Workplace Accessibility and Inclusion.



A comedy fundraiser held at Yext drew 75 people.



A TD Bank financial literacy day on Fraud 101.



A field trip to Google for summer interns.



Board member Luke DuBois talked to students about his installation, "The Choice is Yours."



Staff spoke at the "Neurodiversity at Work" conference at the University of Maryland.

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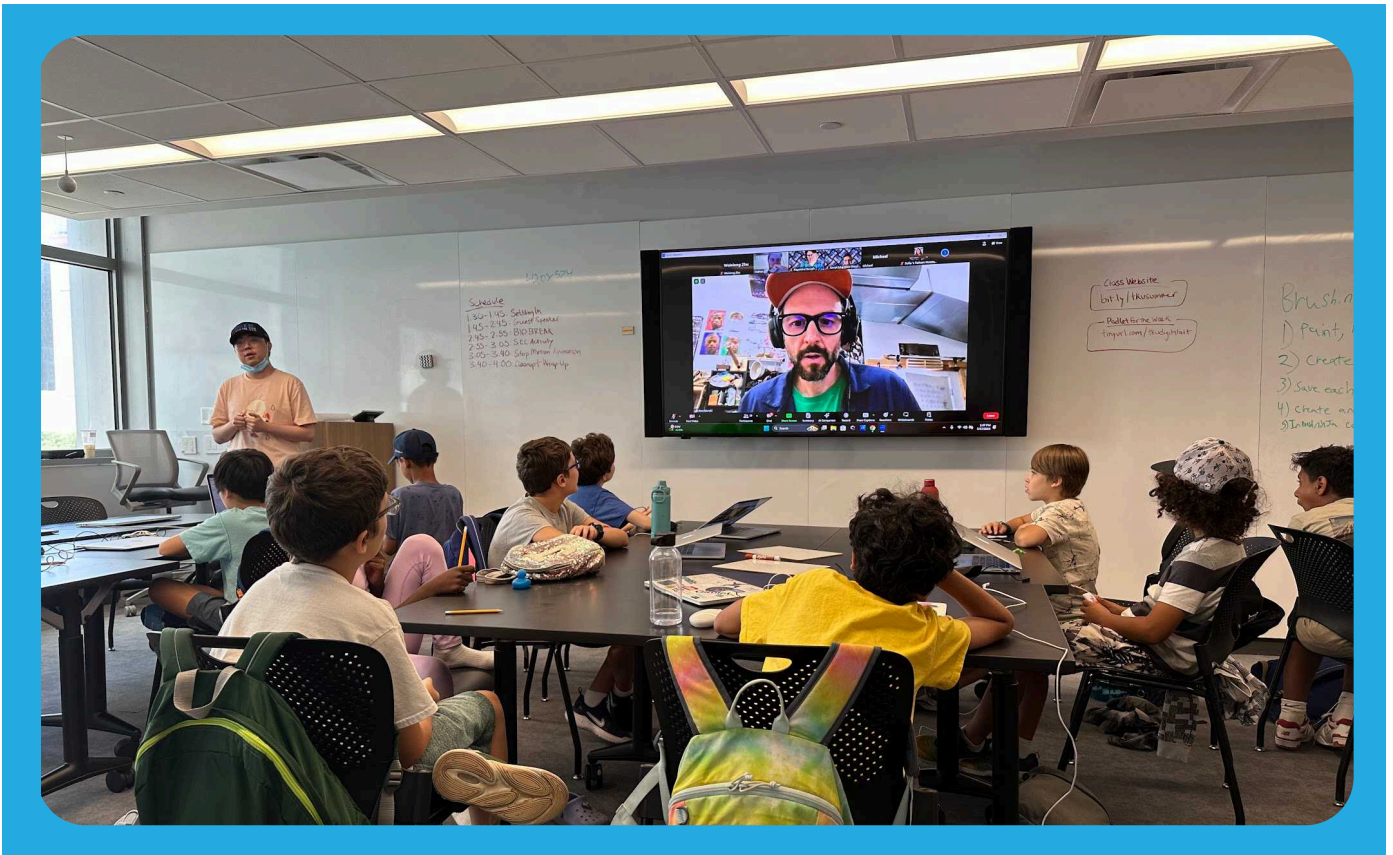
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“Family Guy” Animation Director, Dominic Bianchi spoke to students about the creative process.

“I love being in the Neurodiversity Advisory Council and feel honored to be a part of it, especially since it was TKU who reached out to me to be in the group. I can't explain how much that means to me.”

J., Student, Age 21

Your Opportunity. Their Future.

Become an internship worksite. Give a guest lecture. Host a field trip.

Professional Development for Educators, Schools & Community Centers

TKU offers comprehensive training to equip educators with best practices.

Curriculum Adaption

Partner with TKU to create specialized curricula for students, whether you're a school, community center, therapist, or educator.

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Cancer Cabaret
ConEdison
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Disabilities
Einstein Montfiore
HeightSites
Infosys
Infosys Pathfinder Institute with
Elementari.com (coding website)
MUD Foundation
NYU – Close the Loop
NYU Metropolitan Center for
Research on Equity and the
Transformation of Schools
Opera on Tap
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Assistance Network
Point Polish
Schools That Can
Shivoo.com
Weill Cornell Medical Center

Schools:

Brooklyn Autism Center
Summit School
Winston Prep Transitions
Titus
Cooke Academy

Community:

AHRC
Bridges to Work
Career Internship Network
DYCD
ExpandedEd
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Training Coalition
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NYC DOE
NYU K12 STEM Education
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