Our NFTE learners have wrapped up their school year, and we want to take a moment to acknowledge the tremendous impact of your contributions! Your time and dedication have been invaluable in providing students with a comprehensive NFTE experience, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment to volunteering with us!





#### Meshell is Back and With a Guest!

NFTE Alumni Zachary Moskowitz and Board Member, Meshell Baker turned up the heat at this years regional competition. Their fireside chat delivered scorching insights into Meshell's entrepreneurial journey and the strategies she employs to make it all happen. <u>Dive into their conversation and glean valuable</u> <u>insights into entrepreneurship and making dreams a reality by</u> <u>watching their chat here</u>. #GiveYourselfGrace!

### And the 2024 NFTE South Corporate Volunteer of the Year goes to...

UWorld! This recognition is awarded in appreciation of UWorlds' invaluable contributions to NFTE South, encompassing volunteer efforts, networking opportunities, test preparation services, and support extended to educators. UWorld's dedicated involvement with NFTE's young entrepreneurs is both recognized and deeply valued. Mark Carr, UWorld's Account Manager of Business Development, graciously accepted this prestigious award during this year's South Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge.





- BraPhysics, Abril Cardona - Detect-A-Ray, Peyton Bernstein - Peyton's Pastries

### Introducing the 2024 NFTE South Finalists!





**1st Place: Style Selector** 

Lodias Martinet - Grand Prairie School for the Highly Gifted

The Style Selector App is a service with the main purpose of generating outfits for those who don't know what to wear. It utilizes the components of TinyDB, Images, a Camera, and Buttons on MIT App Inventor 2.

### **2nd Place: UniDesign**

Angel Alvarez - Price Career Institute South

At UniDesign, we are fueled by the passion for creativity and the drive to make premium branding accessible to all. We specialize in crafting high-caliber, attention-grabbing designs that empower businesses to stand out in today's competitive market. We create affordable, yet premium-quality designs for various needs, including thumbnails, logos, and beyond





### **3rd Place: Detect-A-Ray**

Abril Cardona - Nimitz High School

Detect-a-ray's mission is to detect, secure, and protect school environments by bringing back ease to parents and school administrators by ensuring no more schools become the next victim of a school shooting, by ensuring no guns are being unchecked and that no more lives are being lost due to lack of better school security

## **Upcoming Events**

### 2024 NFTE South BizCamp with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Dallas

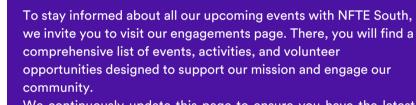
Volunteer today to empower a young persons start on their entrepreneurial journey to a better future. NFTE ignites the entrepreneurial mindset with unique learning experiences that empower all students to own their futures. We rely on volunteers from the business and entrepreneurial community to bring real-world insights and expertise to the classroom experience.

#### **Business Plan Coaching Opportunity:**

- Wednesday, June 12, 2024, from 1:00 3:00 PM
- Location: Vista Bank Fair Park Location (3225 MLK Jr. BLVD, Dallas, Texas, 75210)

#### Business Plan Fast Pitch Judging Opportunity:

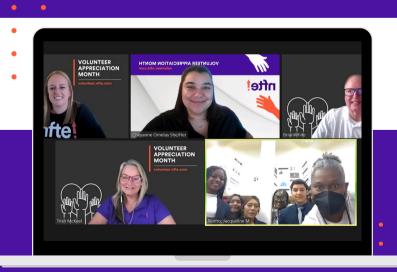
- Friday, June 14, 2024, from 1:00 3:00 PM
- Location: Vista Bank Fair Park Location (3225 MLK Jr. BLVD, Dallas, Texas, 75210)



We continuously update this page to ensure you have the latest information on how you can contribute to and benefit from our initiatives. Your participation is vital to the success of our programs, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Visit the <u>NFTE South Volunteer Engagement page</u> to explore all the exciting opportunities with NFTE South.

Thank you for your incredible support and dedication to NFTE South! We appreciate your commitment to empowering young entrepreneurs and making a positive impact in our community. Stay connected and explore upcoming volunteer opportunities and events on our engagements page. Your continued involvement makes all the difference!





**REGISTER NOW** 

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A heartfelt thank you to our judging panel for your invaluable time and expertise! We are deeply grateful for your commitment and support of the NFTE mission. Alberto Arroyo Founder of TKicks, NFTE Class of 2022

Lincoln Cohoon Senior Manager Indirect Services - State and Local Taxes

Shawn Cross Small Business Community Banking & Lending Production Manager

John Steinmetz President & CEO Vista Bank Vice Chairman Vista Bancshares

Pushkala Venkataraman Product Area Lead Fidelity Brokerage Technology

We encourage you to help spread the word about NFTE! Invite your contacts to participate in our upcoming volunteer activities. Stay connected with us on social media, share our posts, and assist us in reaching a broader audience.

If you have any inquiries, ideas, or would like to share your volunteering experience, please contact Cheyanne Ornelas at cheyanneo@nfte.com.

