

2025

WILMINGTON, NC

exchange

CONNECTING LEARNERS ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA

spark
NC

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“I had opportunities to connect with all kinds of people from across North Carolina—each with different backgrounds, careers, and stories. It really opened my eyes to what’s out there.”

-SPARK SCHOLAR

WHAT LEARNERS SAID ABOUT EXCHANGE 2025...

98%

**OVERALL
SATISFACTION
WITH EXCHANGE
2025**

91%

**REPORTED
INCREASED
INTEREST IN
HIGH TECH**

93%

**FELT MORE
EMPOWERED AND
CONFIDENT TO
PURSUE A TECH
CAREER**

99%

**LIKELY TO TELL
FRIENDS TO JOIN
SPARKNC THIS YEAR**



LEARNING EXCHANGE

Scholars learned and gained insights from UNCW professors and explored pathways in high-tech fields.

COLLABORATIVE EXPERIENCES

Students teamed up for the Cyber Break Challenge and took part in a variety of other engaging activities.



STUDENT-LED LEARNING

Scholars facilitated live podcast recordings and led interactive learning sessions for their peers.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Scholars connected with industry professionals and shared their SparkWay Cards to showcase their skills and interests.

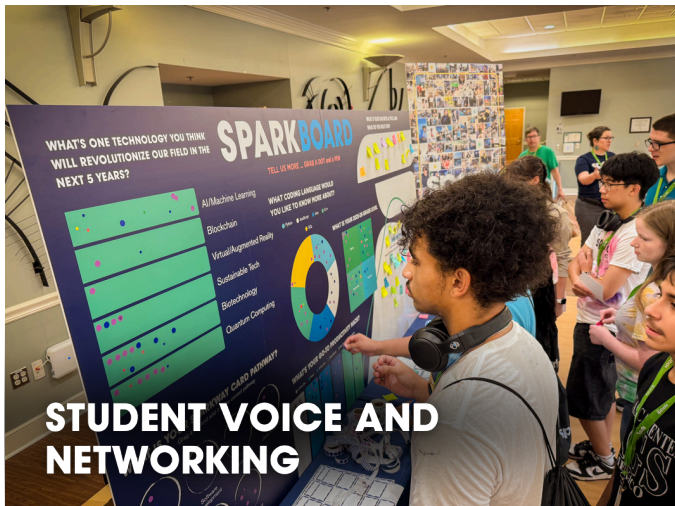




**OVER 180 STUDENTS AND
EDUCATORS FROM ACROSS NC**



**DOZENS OF
LEARNING SESSIONS**



**STUDENT VOICE AND
NETWORKING**



**OVER 30 INDUSTRY
PROFESSIONALS**



COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES



SO.MUCH.FUN!

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IGNITING
FUTURES
IN TECH

INNOVATION CIRCUIT



**Scholars networked with 30+
industry and higher-ed professionals.**



THE INNOVATION
CIRCUIT WAS THE
HIGHEST-RATED
COMPONENT OF
EXCHANGE 2025
WITH AN 89%
SATISFACTION RATE.



“My favorite part of the SparkNC Exchange was getting to network with so many knowledgeable people—from fellow Spark Scholars and Lab Leaders to admissions reps from major North Carolina universities. It helped me step out of my comfort zone, make new friends, and truly understand what it means to be a Spark Scholar. It was a life-changing experience.”

- SPARK SCHOLAR



LIKELY TO TELL FRIENDS THEY SHOULD
ATTEND A FUTURE SPARKNC EXCHANGE.