



# MEDIA ALERT

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## MEDIA INVITED!!

### #SRQHacks Education Education Foundation of Sarasota County hosts 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hackathon

Powered by the Education Foundation of Sarasota County, the region's second annual student hackathon will be held October 13-15, 2017. The intense, three-day immersive experience will pair 100 students with over 60 mentors, forming teams that will work to "hack their education" by creating technological applications designed to advance student learning.

**WHAT:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hackathon: #SRQHacks Education  
A weekend-long event connecting professionals from the technology, design and business fields with 13-18-year-old students. Ten student/mentor teams will create a mobile application and business plan focused on improving student learning that will be presented to a panel of judges in a Shark Tank style pitch.

**WHEN:** Friday, October 13 - Sunday, October 15  
Friday: 5pm-9pm (registration, team formation)  
Saturday: 8am-8pm (team work day)  
Sunday: 8am-2pm (***pitch presentations at 12 noon***)

**WHERE:** Ringling College of Art & Design  
Alfred R. Goldstein Library and Larry R. Thompson Academic Center

**WHO:** Hosted by the Education Foundation of Sarasota County  
Students represent 21 area schools including all Sarasota County public middle and high schools.

Sponsored by Gulf Coast Community Foundation with support from Catalina Charitable Foundation, Sarasota Underground, Informa, WUSF Public Media, LogicJunction and United Data Technologies.

Panel of judges includes Dr. Todd Bowden (Superintendent of Sarasota County Schools), Douglas Cherry (Intellectual Patent Attorney at

Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick LLP), Anne Essner (Board Member of Gulf Coast Community Foundation), Lisl Liang (CEO of SRQ Media), Anand Pallegar (CEO, dreamLarge), Jon Stuart (SCORE Mentor) and Judge Charles Williams (Chief Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court).

Space is limited and this is an invitation-only event. However, media representatives are welcome with approval. Please contact the Education Foundation of Sarasota County at (941) 927-0965 or [myoung@edfoundationsrq.org](mailto:myoung@edfoundationsrq.org) to participate in this industry-leading event.

**About the Education Foundation of Sarasota County**

The Education Foundation of Sarasota County is an independent partner working to advance philanthropic support for Sarasota County Schools. Its mission is to enhance the potential of students, promote excellence in teaching and inspire innovation in education. Guided by the belief that education changes lives, the Education Foundation strives to match each donor's passion with high-impact projects created to ensure students graduate with purpose and are prepared for a post-secondary pathway. The Education Foundation of Sarasota County and its philanthropic investors are champions for students, teachers, and schools. For more information on how to be a champion for education, visit [EdFoundationSRQ.org](http://EdFoundationSRQ.org).

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