

# MAKING WAVES



## November 2025

### NSU Students Showcase Innovation at Hackathon



Norfolk State University students participated in the 10th Annual Black Enterprise Smart HBCU Hackathon, alongside more than 300 HBCU students, to showcase their tech talent. Themed *Built Brilliant. Built Different: 10 Years of Elevating Excellence*, the event was hosted by American Airlines in Charlotte, N.C., and was the largest student gathering in the event's history.

[Learn more about the hackathon](#)

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## Elementary School Visits NSU TV Studio



Hillpoint Elementary School's Media Club, located in Suffolk, VA, visited Norfolk State's TV Studio in Brown Memorial Hall. The visit was an initiative with the Byron Burney Community Journalism Academy. The academy is managed by the Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals, an affiliate chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists, that hopes to inspire students through hands-on training and journalistic activities.

Hillpoint students were able to learn how to complete a full television newscast that included directing, anchoring and more with the guidance of Lateef Gibson, Mass Communications and Journalism adjunct professor and mentor for the academy.

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## Giving Tuesday - Now is Our Time



The season of giving is here, and with it comes an opportunity to show the power of Spartan generosity. On December 2, we will unite as one community for Giving Tuesday, a global celebration of giving back and building a brighter future.

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