

NAF Academy of Engineering at Southern Lee High School Joins the Lenovo Scholar Network, Now Supporting 118 Academies and 5,000 Students Nationwide, For the 2017-18 School Year

Students Will Receive the Benefits of Innovative Program that Enables the Next Generation of Developers and Entrepreneurs Through STEM Education

Sanford NC – September 21, 2017: NAF Academy of Engineering at Southern Lee High School is thrilled to begin the 2017-2018 academic year as one of 68 new academies joining the [Lenovo Scholar Network](#) -- now supporting 118 academies and 5,000 students nationwide. Lenovo and NAF will continue to prepare the next generation of developers and entrepreneurs through comprehensive STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education.

In conjunction with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) App Inventor, now part of the MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Lab (CSAIL), Lenovo Scholar Network students also have the opportunity to develop Android mobile apps using Lenovo devices as part of an annual national app challenge. Lenovo and NAF created the Mobile App Development Competition in 2014 to encourage greater interest among underserved high school students in STEM subjects, while also providing them with entrepreneurial and technology skills needed to pursue careers in computer science, programming, and engineering. NAF and MIT collaborate to provide technical assistance to Lenovo Scholar Network participants, and to develop support materials for teachers using MIT App Inventor.

New partnership benefits include allowing students to earn NAFTrack Certification credit, part of Lenovo's commitment as a [NAFTrack Certified Hiring Partner](#), and expanding engagement opportunities with Lenovo, including Lenovo in the Classroom volunteer events.

The Academy of Engineering students at Southern Lee High School are excited to be part of the Lenovo Scholars Network and are ready to dive into the app development competition. We look forward to building our relationship with Lenovo and are grateful for this amazing opportunity that will greatly benefit our students.

Southern Lee High School is part of NAF. NAF is a national network of education, business, and community leaders who work together to ensure that high school students are college, career, and future ready.

During the 2016-17 school year, more than 96,000 students attended 675 NAF academies across 36 states, including D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In 2016, NAF academies reported 96% of seniors graduated with 92% of graduates with post-secondary intentions. For more information, please visit: <https://naf.org/>

To find out more about the Lenovo Scholar Network, visit www.lenovoscholars.com or check out the #LenovoScholars hashtag on social media.