



## ISSUE #29

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### STORIES

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#### **We're Closing the Digital Divide. Now Let's End the Participation Gap [EDSURGE]**

First some good news: the divide in access to digital devices is decreasing. School districts across the country are upgrading networks; and integrating more classroom technology, and smartphones have become increasingly ubiquitous across socioeconomic lines. With that said, there are still significant gaps for some students at home. Educators are beginning to take note of a new problem: a digital participation divide.

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#### **Mary Pitkin is a giver, receiver, volunteer, and digital activist [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]**

Volunteering often overlooked and ignored, greatly benefits both the giver and receiver -- and Mary Pitkin is the perfect example of why it's such a great thing to do.

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#### **INTech: Bringing girls of color to code [EDUCATION NC]**

Tucked into a renovated warehouse, there's a colorful high-tech room with a giant glass garage door open to the sidewalk to let in fresh air and lots of natural light — almost as if what happens inside is too big for closed walls. Indoors, framed artwork adorns the place, geometric shapes permeate the room, and succulents sit on shelves. This forward-thinking space could just as easily be in California, but it's in Charlotte.

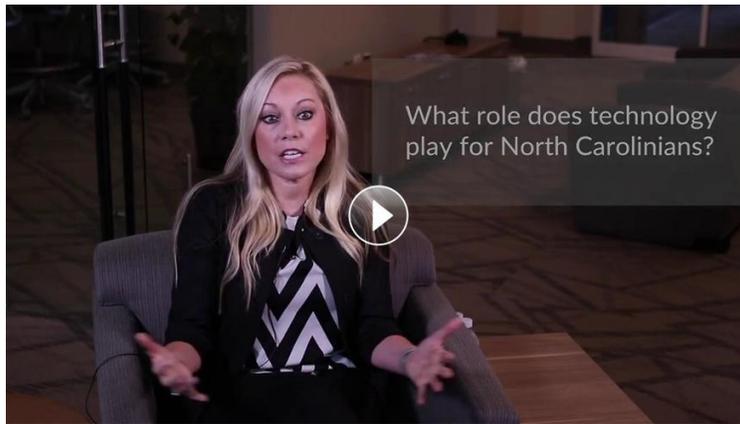
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#### **Journalists discuss trust, self-editing, and talking heads [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]**

A panel of three Charlotte journalists discussed trust in the news media in a “Coffee @ Knight” session on October 10, 2018, at Queens’ James L. Knight School of Communication. David Boraks of WFAE, Jane Wester of the Charlotte Observer, and TJ Spry of The Queens Chronicle shared perspectives and answered questions from students, faculty, staff, and community members. Rick Thames, visiting professor of journalism and former executive editor of The Charlotte Observer, moderated the panel. Originally recorded on Facebook Live, the event is archived on YouTube.

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### COMMUNITY



Meet Anna London - Talent Director of Charlotte Works, an organization that prepares people for education and available careers, while connecting businesses to skilled workers.



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## CALENDAR

- **November 2, 9, 16, 30** - Tyvola Senior Center: Computer Help With The Guys
- **November 3** - Digi-Bridge: BUBBLE MANIA: Digi-Bridge Family Code-In, Hosted by Sealed Air
- **November 5, 12, 19, 26** - Bette Rae Thomas Recreation Center: Computer Wiz 101



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