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#AppalachiaBuiltThis COMES TO SWVA SCHOOLS

CALLING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERS ACROSS SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

Your Future. Your Voice. Your Seat at the AI Table.

Southwest Virginia AI Student Leadership Symposium

■ Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026 ■ 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. ■ SWVA Higher Education Center, Abingdon

THE BIG QUESTION

How can schools and employers prepare young people to use AI with skill, judgment and purpose, and strengthen Southwest Virginia in the process?

AI & Learning

AI & Creativity

AI & Careers

AI & Relationships

Responsible AI

Building with AI

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU



Be Heard by Decision-Makers

Share your ideas and concerns about AI directly with superintendents, employers and college leaders.



Build Something Real with AI

Tackle a real SWVA challenge with regional leaders, using your own AI tools alongside CGI's AI builders as the #AppalachiaBuiltThis crew.



Get the Inside Track on Careers

Hear straight from industry what skills they want from the next wave of hires.



Make Connections That Count

Network with business leaders, educators and technologists from across the region.



Lead on Responsible AI

Your generation will help keep AI in check. Start shaping how it is used now.



Stand Out

Real leadership experience, plus a first look at mentoring for the **Congressional App Challenge**.

YOUR DAY

8:30	Arrival + Student AI Readiness Survey
9:00	Opening: current trends in AI
9:30	Student Summit: Hopes, Fears & Dreams
11:45	Lunch + present to regional leaders
1:00	Keynote + #AppalachiaBuiltThis Design Challenge
2:30	Reflection & next steps

BEFORE YOU GO

- **Bring your laptop or Chromebook, fully charged.** You'll need it for the hands-on sessions.
- **Bring your AI tools and subscriptions** to build with the #AppalachiaBuiltThis crew.
- **Lunch is included.**
- **Ask your principal** about attending.

The future of AI needs *your voice*.

Open to high school students across Southwest Virginia. **Space is limited, so register today.**

Register: forms.gle/2oLhgjcVioUUJ6u69



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