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Lorain County students gain tech skills through workforce development program

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Students participating in the TECH CORPS program. From left to right: Niyah Jackson, 12th Grade, Lorain High School; Gannon Rutherford, 11th Grade, Elyria Catholic High School; and Lee Caceres, 11th Grade, Horizon Science Academy of Lorain. Brenda Miller, TECH CORPS

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LORAIN, Ohio — Twenty-four high school students in Lorain County got a head start on careers in technology through a program that pairs them with industry professionals.

The six-week Student TECH CORPS program at Lorain High School connected students with 13 Nordson Corp. technology professionals who served as mock clients for website development projects. The initiative comes as Northeast Ohio recently secured a \$160 million federal award to transform the region’s advanced manufacturing economy.

Students worked in teams to design and build websites while developing technical, communication and project management skills used in professional settings. The Nordson volunteers met virtually with student teams each week to define project requirements, review progress and provide feedback throughout the development process.

The program, supported by the Nordson Corporation Foundation, aims to prepare students for college, technical training, internships, apprenticeships and careers in technology. Participants leave with a portfolio of completed work and experience working with business professionals.

Jerry Berndobler, principal IT analyst at Nordson, said the experience allows employees to share knowledge while showing students how to work with clients and solve business challenges.

Students said the program transformed classroom lessons into meaningful workplace experience, with participants gaining confidence through detailed client feedback and professional guidance.