



## Tech Retreat

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## Our Mission

**Tech Retreat** is an annual event to jumpstart a tech community of diverse high school students through a collaborative, hands-on exploration of technology.

Students are brimming with ideas, but it is a challenge to take the first step and make these ideas a reality. This is especially true in the field of technology, and Tech Retreat hopes to guide students through this process.

Over 160 high school students came together and participated in the first ever Tech Retreat. That was last year, and now we're back!

## About the Event

Tech Retreat will be held at **St. Paul's College**, which is located at Canada's most innovative school—The University of Waterloo. The event will be divided into two programs: a **hackathon** and a **learnathon**.

The **hackathon** is an open-ended competition that challenges participants to bring any software or hardware project they can dream of to fruition.

The **learnathon** is a more guided event meant for students new to the world of technology, such as software development. Participants follow an adapted curriculum and are guided by mentors, through workshops focused on exposing students to new technologies,

The event will be held over two days and will combine learning, working on a project in a team, and connecting with other like-minded students. At the end of both events, students can present their work to judges and win prizes!

## Why It's Awesome!

### GET INSPIRED

College students and industry professionals from companies across North America will be there to share their stories and experiences from when they were in high school to where they are now.

### A TASTE OF UNIVERSITY LIFE

Tech Retreat will be held at the University of Waterloo. Get a chance to talk to representatives from St. Paul's Greenhouse, an environmental and social change accelerator, as well as an opportunity to explore a community that is ranked to be the most innovative university in Canada!