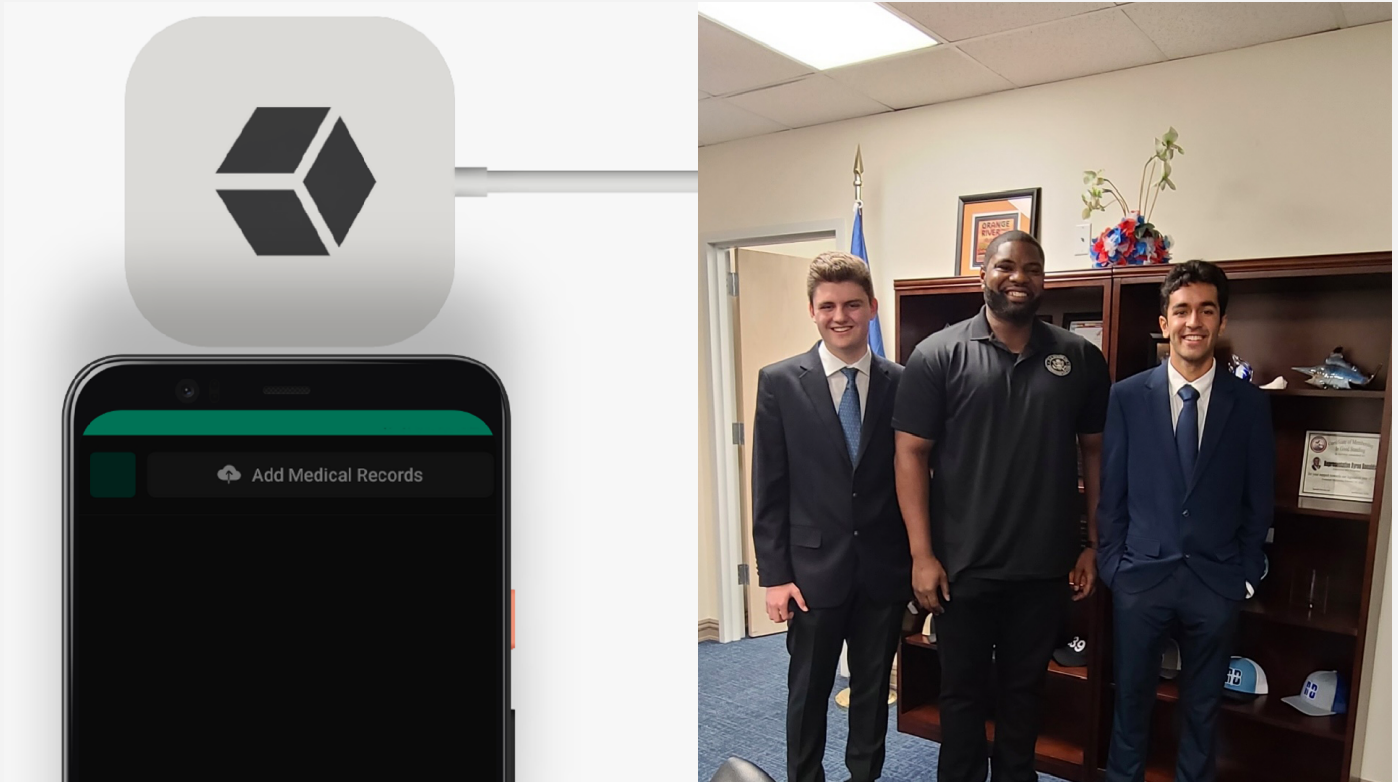




## Local Fort Myers High Students, Nicholas Harty, and Aum Dhruv Meet with Congressman Donalds to Discuss their Medical Mobile App After Winning National Competition.



[FORT MYERS, FLORIDA] – Two juniors from Fort Myers High School, Nicholas Harty and Aum Dhruv, combined their joint experiences in STEM to develop a breakthrough medical application. Their app, known as Medibound, aimed to make digital record-keeping easier for patients and health centers. After submitting their application to the Congressional App Challenge in the Fall of 2021, these two students were nationally recognized for winning in their congressional district (FL-19) and got the opportunity to speak with Congressman Byron Donalds in late January of 2022.

Nicholas and Aum were honored to meet with the congressman and took his insight to heart in the further development of their project.

“The experience of meeting with the Congressman was truly unbelievable and it's all thanks to the STEM experiences within our community that inspired us to compete,” Aum explained.



Much of the inspiration behind their mobile app comes from the inconvenient experiences of medical record-keeping during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to modernizing an existing medical platform, the two 11th graders also created a private network that allows users of their application to limit which institutions have access to their medical data.

“We used modern technology to solve many of the problems we witnessed during the pandemic,” Nicholas said. “We wanted to build a solution to help our community as well as communities all around the world.”

Outside of school, Nicholas and Aum volunteer their time to provide STEM education opportunities. Through these experiences, they have established a substantial presence by hosting STEM events with the hope of inspiring others to follow in their footsteps.

Their app is one of about 340 winning apps nationwide out of more than 2,000 apps that were submitted for the Congressional App Challenge. You can learn more about Medibound on the app’s official website (<https://medibound.com>).