



MEDIA ADVISORY
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**New England Institute of Technology, Skills for Rhode Island's Future and
Venture Café Providence Showcase Digital Game Projects**

Come to "Pathways to the Digital Decade EXPO"

WHAT: New England Institute of Technology (NEIT), Rhode Island Digital Institute (RIDigi), and Skills for Rhode Island's Future recently developed the *High School Student Career Education in Digital Game Development Program*. This exciting new initiative provided high school students with pathways to a wide variety of academic and work careers in digital technologies. Students explored careers in computer science, cybersecurity, digital game design, "gamification," IT, networking, while developing work readiness skills, and an understanding of real workplace expectations.

WHEN: Thursday, January 25, 2024

- 4:30-5:30 PM – Conversation Corner with Lt. Governor Sabina Matos who will discuss the importance of workforce development programs and present awards to students. Visit demo and information tables.
- 5:30-7:00 PM – Presentations by NEIT, RIDigi, and Skills for Rhode Island about the program and its future. Game demonstrations by students.

<https://venturecafeprovidence.org/sessions/ridigi-showcase-digital-games-as-a-pathway-to-the-digital-decade/>

WHERE: Venture Café Providence
Café Lounge
225 Dyer St.
Providence, RI

WHO: Lt. Governor Sabina Matos, PrepareRI High School Interns and Featured Guests

WHY: Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their work to their families, friends, and the digital game community in Rhode Island. The internship program provided an outstanding opportunity for senior high school students to learn how to make engaging digital games that improve the quality of life for Rhode Islanders. The interns learned many STEAM skills that formed the foundation for a vibrant digital college learning experience and a robust digital industry in Rhode Island.

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