

# BERGEN TECH TETERBORO HACKATHON 2026



## The 2026 Bergen Tech Hackathon was our best year yet!

Thank you — sponsors, donors, speakers, judges, mentors, teachers and families — for making it possible. Not one piece of this event happens without you.

This year the event grew again, with **130 high school students** from both the Teterboro and Paramus campuses registering to compete. Students formed **39 teams** for a 12-hour sprint under our "Build" theme — going from a blank screen to a working demo in a single day. From idea generation, to building, to final presentations in front of industry judges, the creativity and ambition on display was extraordinary.

We awarded **\$4,500 in prizes across 13 categories**, recognizing everything from best use of AI and most technically ambitious build to social impact, design, and rookie team of the year.

### A few example projects:

- A mobile app that helps the visually impaired navigate the real world
- An AI recipe builder to improve nutrition and variety in refugee camps
- A mapping system that finds safe walking routes through a neighborhood
- A DMV RPG that turns passing your driver's test into a game
- A study app that grades you on whether you can teach the material to an AI
- A financial budgeting app for teens, making it easy to save toward real goals
- A water-usage estimator for interactions with AI chatbots
- An app to help you actually learn CSS, not just copy it
- A virtual drum kit you can play from your keyboard
- and much more!

## BY THE NUMBERS

- 130 high school students
- 39 teams
- 13 prize categories
- \$4,500 in prizes
- 15+ sponsors & donors
- ~30 volunteers
- 4 industry speakers & judges
- 12 hours, 1 unforgettable day

