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**The Washington DC Chapter of the Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO DC) Announces a Strategic Partnership with the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE)**

*The EO DC Chapter Adopts Ballou High School Entrepreneur Class, Contributing Financial Support and Mentorship*

**Washington DC, USA (November 15, 2017)** – The [Entrepreneurs' Organization](#)'s Washington, DC Chapter, has announced a partnership with the global organization NFTE (Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship).

Through its contribution EO DC will “adopt” Ballou High School. Twenty-five students who attend Ballou High School will be immersed in learning the entrepreneurial mindset as they develop and complete a full business plan. Entrepreneurs' Organization's DC Chapter members will be present to serve as guest speakers, coaches and mentors for the students. The top student from the program at Ballou High School will have the opportunity to compete in the NFTE DC Regional Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge to win one of two spots at NFTE's National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge in New York City in October 2018.

“On behalf of the EO DC organization, I am proud to announce such an impactful pledge to provide young students the opportunity to learn from local entrepreneurs and receive mentorship and authentic storytelling,” stated EO DC President Marsha Ralls. “Our commitment to inspire and encourage young students to pursue entrepreneurship is at the heart of our core values as an organization. NFTE is the perfect partner to collaborate and motivate the next generation of leaders in our region.”

"NFTE brings a wide array of entrepreneurship experiences and opportunities to students in and around the Washington DC metro area," said Steve Legacy, Director, NFTE Baltimore / Washington Metro. “The partnership between NFTE and EO DC at Ballou High School is vital to helping students activate their entrepreneurial mindset as a foundation for their personal success, so that they can help to improve their communities and ultimately create a strong economy for the region.”

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**About the Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO)**

The Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) is a global, peer-to-peer network of more than 12,000+ influential business owners with 169 chapters in 52 countries. Founded in 1987, EO is the catalyst that enables leading entrepreneurs to learn and grow, leading to greater success in business and beyond. To learn more about EO, please visit: [www.eonetwork.org](http://www.eonetwork.org).

**About EO DC**

The DC chapter of EO was founded in 1991 and is one of the largest chapters in the US. Through its core values: Boldly Go, Thirst for Learning, Make a Mark, Trust and Respect and 'Cool!' EO strives to build the world's most influential community of entrepreneurs.

**About NFTE**

NFTE (Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship) is an internationally recognized nonprofit that activates the entrepreneurial mindset in young people. Research shows that the entrepreneurial mindset—skills including innovation, self-reliance, comfort with risk, communication, and problem-solving—prepares young people for lifelong success. Equipped with the mindset, as well as with the business and academic skills that NFTE teaches, NFTE students are ready to thrive in the innovation economy no matter what path they choose. NFTE focuses its work on under-resourced communities, with programs in 19 locations in 9 countries.

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