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IT will help students build competency in areas that may be critical to their own career development.

The lesson includes:

- Building dynamic databases with spreadsheets.
- Creating, editing and distributing videos to generate customer leads.
- Basic coding and programming.

"For a few years we've heard from our customers that our technology is changing the way they work and improving their quality of life," said Joe Harpaz, managing director of ONESOURCE for the Tax & Accounting business of Thomson Reuters. "However, there's a clear parallel between how comfortable a user is with technology, how well they can engage with it, and the level of improvement it can bring to their work."

"We want to connect with tomorrow's workforce today, so they're prepared to adopt, use and capitalize on technology in their careers – no matter what field they go into. That's the goal of Taxologist of Tomorrow. If we can get them excited about tax in the process – well, that's even better."

Thomson Reuters teamed with Junior Achievement to launch the inaugural Taxologist of Tomorrow session in New York City on Oct. 24 with Information Technology School in Long Island City, Queens. A class of 30 junior and senior students participated in the 4.5 hour event at a Thomson Reuters New York office. Thomson Reuters plans to expand the program with other schools in the New York area and additional Junior Achievement chapters across the country.

"When Thomson Reuters came to us with this idea, we realized immediately it was a win-win," said Joseph Peri, President of JA New York. "We're constantly thinking

about ways to incorporate more STEM and technology-focused activities into our

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