

ENGAGING FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS

One Vision Productions has a long-standing history of creating programs and working with organizations to train the next generation of budding entrepreneurs. In 2024, they partnered with the Gwinnett County Public Library and Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center for their RISE Teen Entrepreneurship Program and Student Film Festival.

RISE helps Gwinnett County teens develop entrepreneurial skills to create economic opportunities. Participants receive mentorship from industry professionals, develop a small business plan, and pitch their ideas to a panel of local entrepreneurs in a Shark Tank-style competition.

The Student Film Festival invited middle school, high school, and higher education students to submit their own films of any genre, and winners in each category will receive awards and cash prizes. Forrest Tuff served as a mentor and judge for both competitions.

In 2015, he started a Pay It Forward (PIF) program, which annually awards a grant to a nonprofit organization that has been consistently exceptional in its community outreach efforts. The Gwinnett County Public Library received the award for One Vision Productions *PIF* program's 10th Anniversary. The winners of the RISE Teen Entrepreneurship Program pitch competition received the following amounts:

- \$250 - 1st Place Winner
- \$175 - 2nd Place Winner
- \$75 - 3rd Place Winner

Recognized among Georgia's 500 Most Influential Leaders, Tuff is the CEO and Founder of One Vision Productions, an award-winning multimedia production and branding agency voted "Best of Georgia." He utilizes his professional skills as an entrepreneur, speaker, and certified master coach to mentor youth and young adults in business, financial literacy, effective communication, and setting life goals.

As an accomplished producer, he trademarked Filmpreneur® due to his creativity and entrepreneurial skill set. His projects include award shows, commercials, documentaries, music videos, short/feature films, stage plays, and television shows. He has served as a judge for the Atlanta Film Festival, Atlanta Jewish Film Festival, Cause + Effect Georgia Progressive Film Festival, Telly Awards, and the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences SE Regional Emmy.

An avid volunteer and philanthropist, Tuff received the Secretary of State's Outstanding Georgia Citizen Award (the highest honor given on the state level to any citizen) for ongoing community service.