WHAT IS IN2 AT IMSA?

A state-of-the-art innovation center designed to ignite collaboration and entrepreneurial activity among students, educators, business and the community to solve real-world problems, design prototypes and launch new ideas to advance the human condition. IN2 focuses on four areas of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and innovation: entrepreneurship education, teaching and learning, maker movement and diversity.

“When I look back at the critical points in my personal story, what helped me the most was my time at IMSA. They were the best years of curiosity and exploration of what was possible.”

—Steve Chen, IMSA Alumnus & YouTube co-founder

THE SPACE

6,400 square feet of physical space is being renovated IN2 a cross-generational STEM community hub at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in Aurora, Illinois. A generous lead gift of $1M by alumnus Steve Chen ’96 is enabling access to the community and inspiring innovation at IMSA, and in Aurora, the Fox Valley/Western Suburbs, Chicago and beyond.

For more information and to support IN2 at IMSA, contact Britta McKenna, Chief Innovation Officer at (630) 907-5934 or email bmckenna@imsa.edu.

THE BENEFITS

Students & Teachers
- Creates authentic learning experiences for teen entrepreneurs who love STEM while serving as an evolving model for applied teaching and learning in the 21st century.
- Connects IN2 and IMSA with higher education and industry innovation hubs in Illinois and across the country.

Business & Technology Entrepreneurs
- Builds a secondary education pipeline link to the innovation ecosystem.
- Nurseries diverse young talent to prepare them for emerging Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields and businesses.

Community
- Creates a space to address real-world problems and opportunities fueled by cross-industry collaboration.
- Builds connections with local community thought and business leaders.