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Base Camp Coding Academy Newsletter

Thanks to the generosity of our corporate and private sponsors, the board of Base Camp Coding Academy voted in the last meeting of 2015 to move forward with the 2016-2017 school year, beginning on June 1, 2016.

Founding Sponsors:

The C Spire Foundation, FNC Inc., Corelogic, generous/modest philanthropist #1, and generous/modest philanthropist #2.

Community Sponsors:

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Financial Update:

Base Camp sponsorship pledges: \$202,500

Budget to date: *The Base Camp Board of Trustees continues to fund all activities at this time.*

Teacher search committee:

Bethany Cooper (Trustee) and John Marsalis (Trustee) are heading up the Teacher Search Committee. The job openings have been posted on social media and the Base Camp website, and Bethany and John have been actively interviewing for the past two weeks. We are excited by the caliber of the applicants, and look forward to announcing hiring decisions in the next several weeks.

Student Recruitment Activities:

Kagan Coughlin (Trustee) and Bethany Cooper are leading the teacher awareness and student recruitment campaign. The first step for a student to enroll at Base Camp is a nomination by a teacher. To promote awareness in the teaching community, Kagan and Bethany have been traveling to the regional schools to meet with the administration and speak during faculty meetings. Lafayette, Water Valley, and Panola school visits have gone extremely well, and visits with Bruce, Coffeerville, Pontotoc, Calhoun, Grenada, and Vardaman are in the works.

Board Expansion:

Glen Evans (Trustee) and Sage Nichols (Trustee) have begun the process of expanding the Base Camp Coding Academy Board of Trustees to broaden the resources and expertise guiding the growth of Base Camp. We look forward to announcing new Trustees as they agree to serve.

Fundraising Activities:

Kagan and Glen continue meeting with business and philanthropic leaders across Mississippi to ensure Base Camp has the resources to fully serve our students. Any warm introductions you can offer are greatly appreciated.

Several promising grants are being pursued. The TechHire Partnership Grants in particular offer a huge opportunity, and we will keep you apprised of progress throughout this long application process.