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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## HOLIDAY PARTY

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This month we are highlighting Travis Alexander. He is from Holly Springs, MS, and he chose BCCA because he saw it as a great opportunity to pursue his passion. Travis' favorite thing about Base Camp is the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with his peers. This month, Travis started leading the team that plans community activities and team building exercises. To those interested in BCCA, Travis says, "Be prepared to learn."



### Student Nomination Form

Base Camp Coding Academy  
802 Central Street  
Water Valley, MS 38965  
<http://www.basecampcodingacademy.org>

\* Required

Email address \*

Your email

#### Student Eligibility

We are working to provide a life changing experience for north Mississippi students! We are looking to expand in the future, and we are currently cultivating a class of applicants meeting the following criteria:  
- Graduating from high school during the 2020-2021 school year.

## ADMISSIONS 2022

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## STUDENT PORTFOLIOS

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# Party

Before Christmas break, Base Camp hosted a Holiday Party. When the students finished presenting their unit projects, we ate a catered lunch and discussed our plans for the holiday break. Then after lunch, we conducted our secret santa gift exchange, where we give other people gifts without letting them know who it came from. The gift had to be no more than \$10 and every person at BCCA had a randomly selected person that they would give to. We passed out the gifts to everyone and had them to try and guess who it was from. Then right after that we had a gingerbread house competition, where the BCCA students were grouped into teams of three, and each group had to design and build their own gingerbread house. Then when time was up we had Glen Evans, one of the board members and co-founders of BCCA, judge each team's creation. The winning team consisted of Charles, Loveleen, and Ethan.



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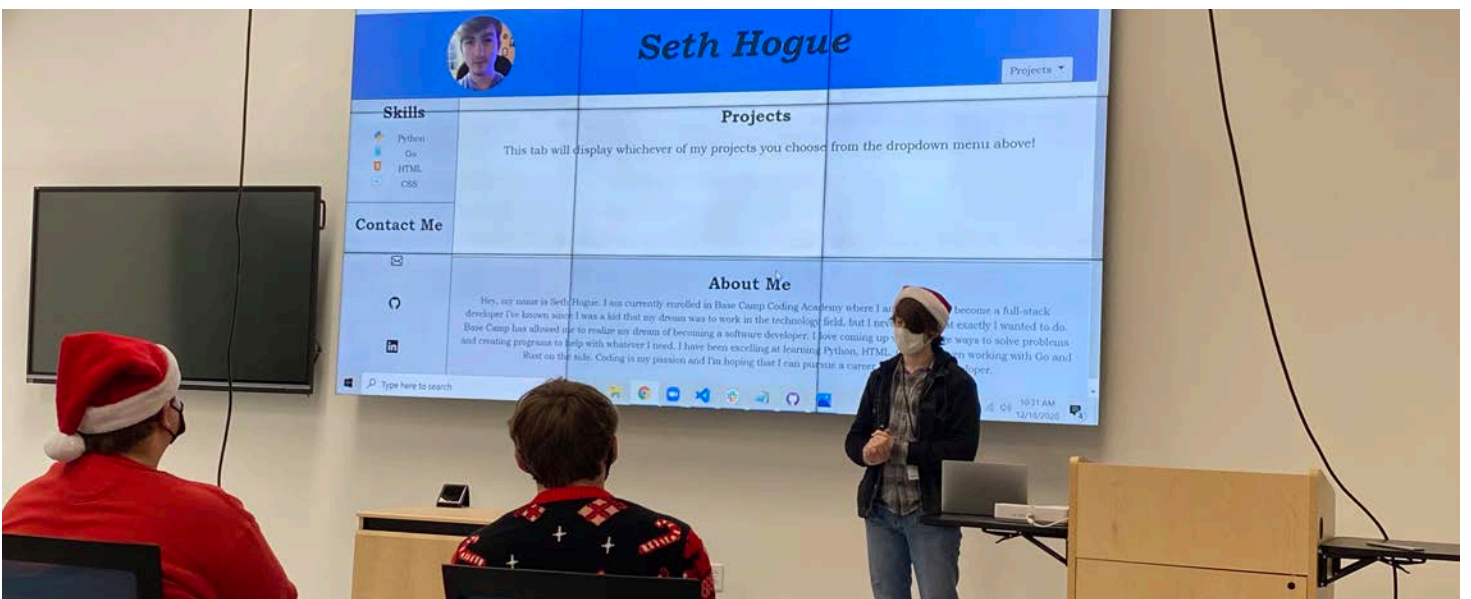
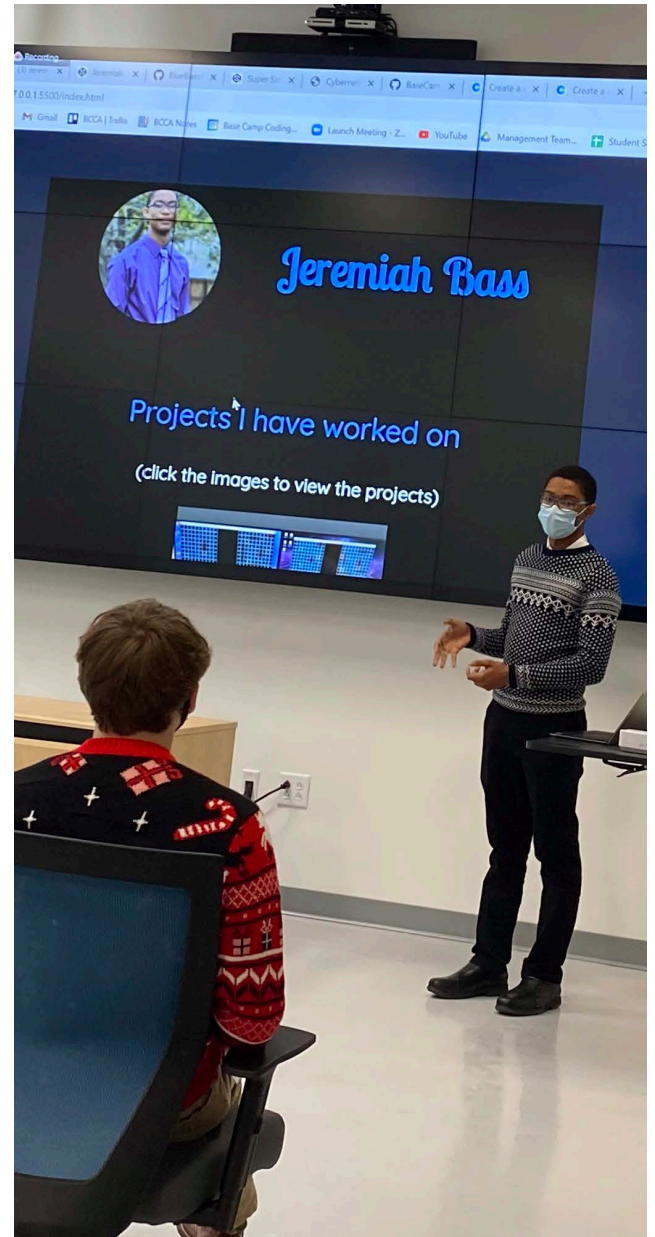
## ADMISSIONS 2022

Admissions for the class of 2022 have officially opened! Any high school senior who would like to join Base Camp Coding Academy can be nominated by any adult outside of their family from now until April 2nd, 2021. Students that are nominated will fill out an online application and then be contacted for a first round interview. That first interview will be followed by a small programming challenge and a second round interview with the BCCA Staff and Board. Throughout the interview process, BCCA will test applicants on their problem solving potential, as programming is filled with inevitable problems and errors. If accepted to BCCA, there is zero financial burden on the student, thanks to our many sponsors.

As with any learning environment, students must be 100% committed to BCCA, as the program is rich with information and material condensed into an 11 to 12 month timeline. Even though the academy may seem daunting, the BCCA environment is filled with support and encouragement from staff and peers. Students are encouraged to work with each other to better understand the content and diagnose problems. If you know any students that might be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to find a nominator or nominate them yourself (if applicable). All admissions information can be found on our website at: [basecampcodingacademy.org/about/](https://basecampcodingacademy.org/about/)

# STUDENT PORTFOLIOS

Our December Unit Project was slightly different from previous Unit Projects. Since we learned about HTML and CSS during that particular Unit, we were required to create our own portfolio website that could be viewed by future employers. Each student had approximately one week to design and create their personal portfolio site. The portfolio consists of the following: student name, profession, skills, links to projects, contact information, and a list of the programming languages they have learned. The project section is probably the most important part of the portfolio. This shows companies what they're capable of doing and why they would be a valuable asset to that company. Each student's portfolio will be a critical component of their online resume. Student portfolios can be viewed at: [basecampcodingacademy.org/student-portfolios/](https://basecampcodingacademy.org/student-portfolios/)



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