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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

This month we are highlighting Charles Mardis. Charles is from Ashland, MS, and chose to attend BCCA because he's always had an interest in technology. He doesn't have any specific plans after graduation, but is excited for the possibilities offered at BCCA such as pursuing a degree with the NWCC credit he will earn. He says his favorite things about BCCA are, "how we are treated like adults, how great the staff is, and how much creativity I'm able to do with coding."



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Student Nomination Form

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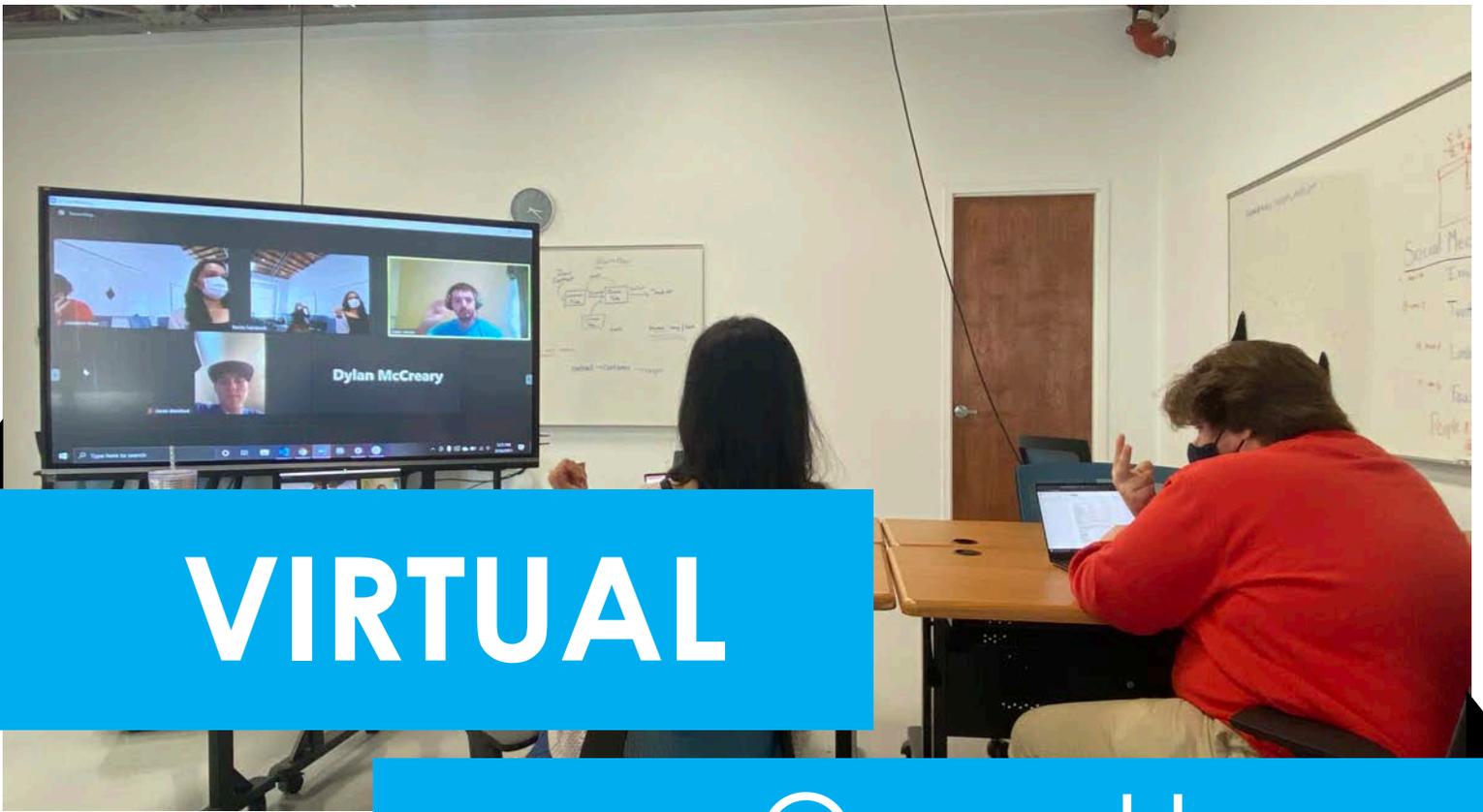
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Student Eligibility

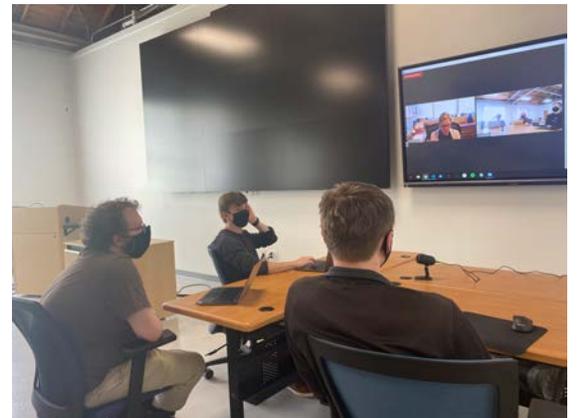
We are working to provide a life changing experience for north Mississippi students! We are looking to expand in the future, and we are currently cultivating a class of applicants meeting the following criteria:
- Graduating from high school during the 2020-2021 school year.



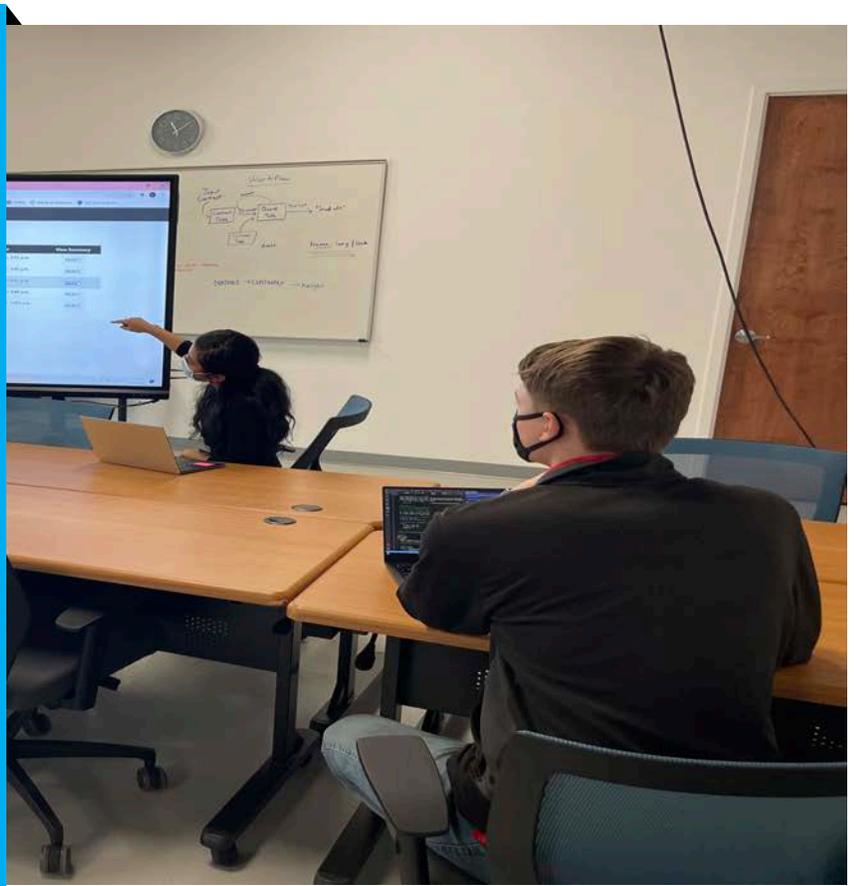
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Open House

Base Camp hosted our first Open House last Friday, March 26th, from our new home at Everest! We were able to host this open house virtually, allowing for participation by our BCCA partners from around the country. We utilized 6 breakout rooms that allowed each visitor to learn more about BCCA. The breakout rooms were Day in the Life, Community and Professionalism, History of BCCA, Life After BCCA, Admissions Process, and Technical Content. A combination of staff, students, and board members hosted each room. Those who attended learned more about what we do daily, how to get into Base Camp, how our program started, and what students do after BCCA. We had a combination of mentors, industry contacts, parents, teachers, and prospective students. We hope to host an in-person open house later this year, but until then, we will be sharing the recording of this Virtual Open House on our website.



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FACT Project

Did you know that Base Camp students work with real companies on real-world projects? During the Django Unit, three of our students worked on the FAsT Container Transfer (FACT) project. This month-long project was taken on by Kenia Sandoval, Loveleen Kaur, and Lance Easley. The students were given the task of building a web application to reallocate weight into multiple containers within a specific contract. They were provided with a mockup and a few data files to get started. They were responsible for laying out the database, determining and splitting up tasks, providing weekly status updates, communicating with the client, and, of course, all of the code. They all got to

experience what it's like to interact with a client to both understand what to build as well as get feedback on what has been built. Students quickly learned that communicating with a client is a frequent occurrence in a work environment. Building these skills early on will be beneficial when moving into the workforce. This was the first time these students were exposed to a project like this, and the client was very happy with the final product. We are hoping to identify other client-based projects so more of our students can gain these real-world experiences. If you're interested in seeing what the students built, check out the live demo at: <https://fact-prototype.herokuapp.com/>

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2022 Reminder

We have already filled 43% of the class of 2022 slots, and we have several active applicants still making their way through the process. We are still actively working with our nominator network to identify additional candidates. The pandemic has made identifying students more difficult for our nominators, and we are using it as an opportunity to improve our ability to spread awareness about our program while we are unable to visit schools in person. If you know any hard-working students that may be interested in attending BCCA, please use the link below to nominate them. Also, please feel free to forward this information to people within your own network. Nominations will close on April 2, 2021. To learn more about how you or someone you know can be nominated, visit:

<https://basecampcodingacademy.org/about/>



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