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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!

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This month we are highlighting Sean Coh. Sean graduated from Pontotoc High School, and he is originally from Belize. Growing up he wanted to be a chef, but once he learned more about coding, he decided that programming was a better fit for him. Sean's favorite thing about BCCA is the welcoming and inspirational people. When asked what he would like to do after Base Camp, Sean said, "I want to find my dream job so that going to work never feels like work."



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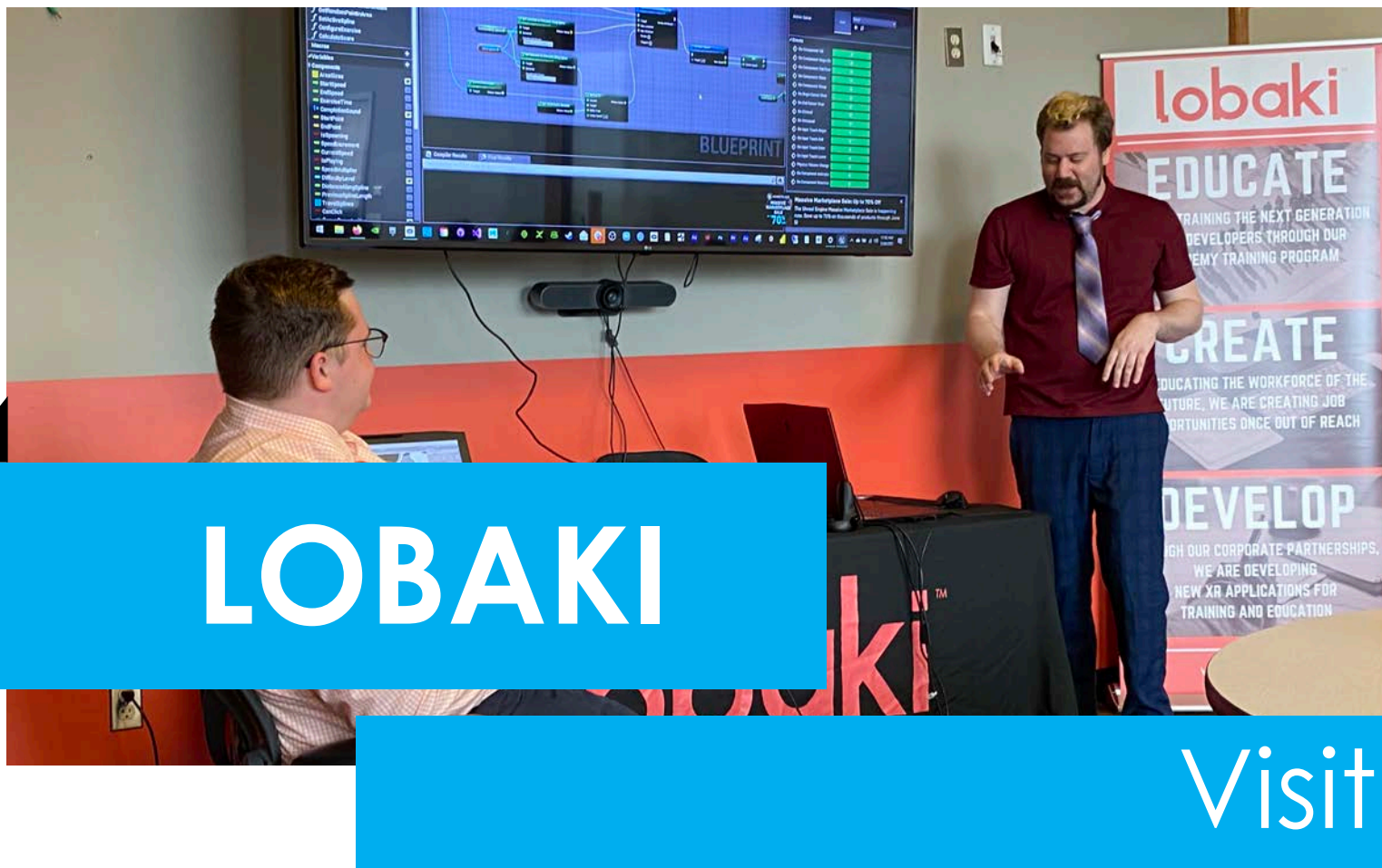
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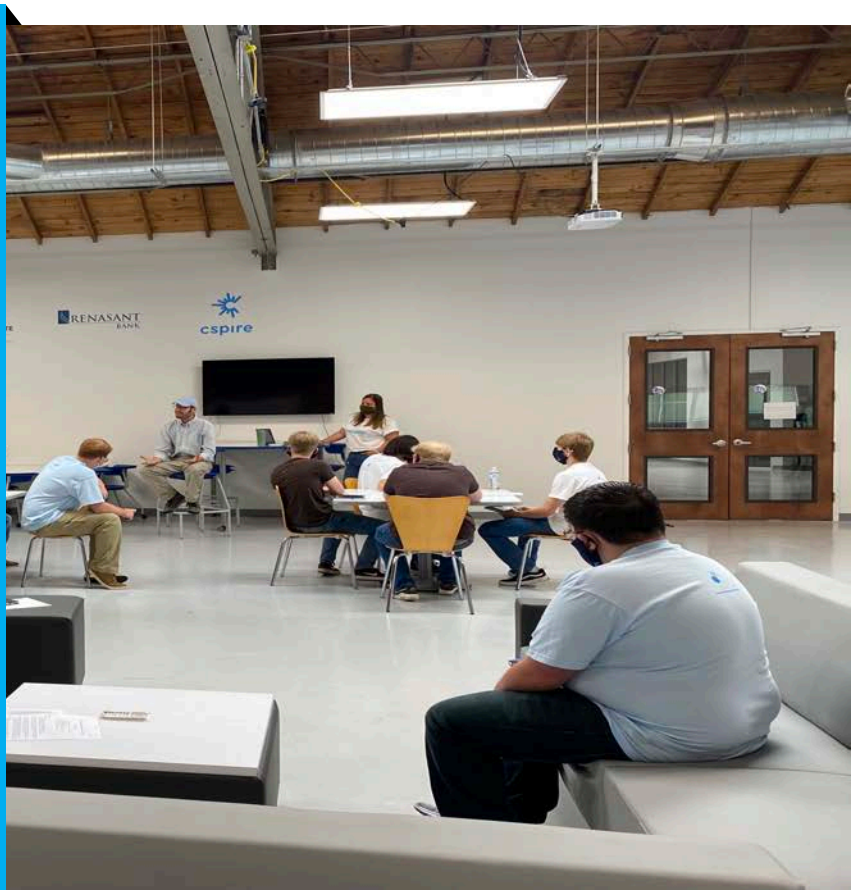


Visit

At the end of May, the class of 2021 went on its first in-person trip! We visited Lobaki in Jackson, MS. Lobaki is a virtual reality development group that focuses on creating educational realities that can be used in the classroom to improve student content retention. When our students first put on their headsets, they were placed on Mars, where Lobaki had created a Mars Rover simulation. hilariously, the space quickly turned into a conglomerate of props, as students found the menu to place objects into the world. The programmers at Lobaki also spent time demonstrating to our students the different platforms and technologies they use to create these virtual worlds and discussed the skillsets necessary for their team – graphic artists, 3D modelers, and programmers. It was such a great experience for our group, and we hope to continue our relationship with Lobaki through future visits and job opportunities.



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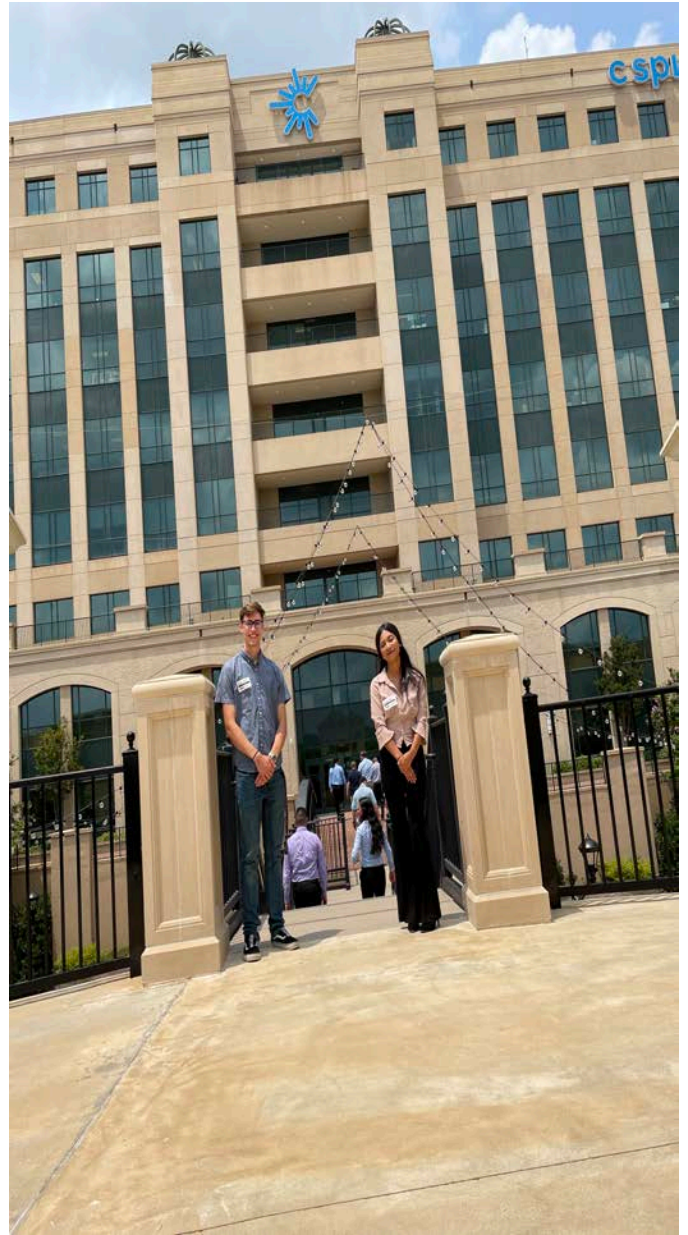
CLASS Overlap

On June 1st, the class of 2022 began their Base Camp journey. We are so excited to have these students here! As many of you know, we were forced to delay the start date for the class of 2021. While we are glad we did not have to do that again this year, it does mean that we will have two classes of students in the building at one time until the middle of August. This is a challenge since it means that we have more than doubled the number of students we must manage at one time, but this situation has also afforded many advantages on which we are capitalizing. For instance, we have been able to utilize the expertise of the class of 2021 to help the new students better understand the new content they are learning and

the new responsibilities they will take on at Base Camp. To help with new content, we have created what we call study hall hours. This means that each class of 2021 student spends one hour of their day assisting the class of 2022 with their work. This provides additional resources to the class of 2022, and the class of 2021 gets to brush up on their Python skills. In addition, the overlap also sped up the introduction of leadership project teams and chores. Since the previous class is still onsite, they are able to help the new students better understand their roles and responsibilities within their teams. It has been wonderful to watch the relationships grow and camaraderie build between these two classes.

C SPIRE Visit

Base Camp's second in-person visit of the year took place at C Spire headquarters on June 24th. All of our students were invited to tour the facility, network with C Spire employees, and catch up with BCCA alumni that currently work at C Spire. During the visit, the students learned about the history of C Spire, its future goals, and their internship program. Most of our students also got an opportunity to interview with a C Spire development team. These experiences are so invaluable for the students because they get to netowrk and hone their interviewing skills. We are so grateful for C Spire's continued support, and we hope that some additional students will join the C Spire team this fall.



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