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ADMISSIONS

This year we will be changing our admissions process. On September 1st, we will start accepting applications and nominations. We will still require a nomination and application before the first interview, but we will bring in students for first round interviews as soon as possible instead of waiting until the Spring. This will give prospective students the opportunity to learn more about our program earlier in the school year, and we will be able to make selections earlier as well.

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EVEREST



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GUEST SPEAKER

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Student Application Form

Base Camp Coding Academy
802 Central Street
Water Valley, MS 38945
<http://www.basecampcodingacademy.org>

Thank you for applying to BCCA! This is the application form. Once you fill out this application, you will be given information on software development careers. Please come prepared to the interview to share what you learned, and tell us why you think you would make a great programmer. We will be contacting you via email to setup your first interview, so make sure to check your email for follow-up!

Base Camp is a targeted program for recent high school graduates with the ability to commute to Water Valley. Space at BCCA is limited, and this is a huge opportunity and responsibility. Please help us understand why you are the right person to receive this opportunity. In order to be eligible to apply you must have first been nominated by a teacher, employer, or other qualified individual who can speak to your abilities.

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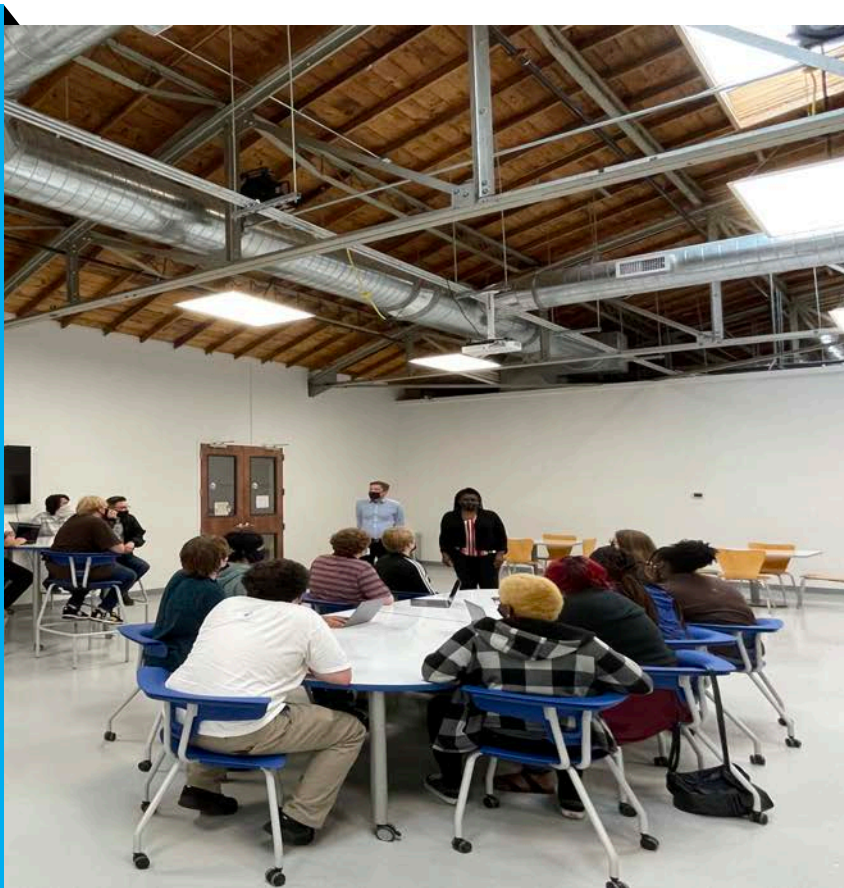


Graduation

On Saturday, August 14th, 2021, Base Camp Coding Academy (BCCA) hosted two graduation ceremonies at Everest. Since the Class of 2020 was unable to have its own in-person ceremony last year, we wanted to honor them in person this year. We also hosted the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2021 since they just finished the program on August 13th due to the Covid-delayed start last year. The Class of 2020 graduated Saturday morning, and the Class of 2021 graduated after a joint lunch hosted in the large open space at the back of Everest. During each ceremony, former United States Chief Technology Officer and current CEO of shift7, Megan Smith, gave an inspiring speech on the differences programmers could make within the technology industry and in society at large. It was an extremely inspiring and enlightening talk. We are grateful to all the families, mentors, staff, board members, and sponsors that helped make possible each student's successful completion of this program. We wish these graduates good luck as they pursue their future technical careers!



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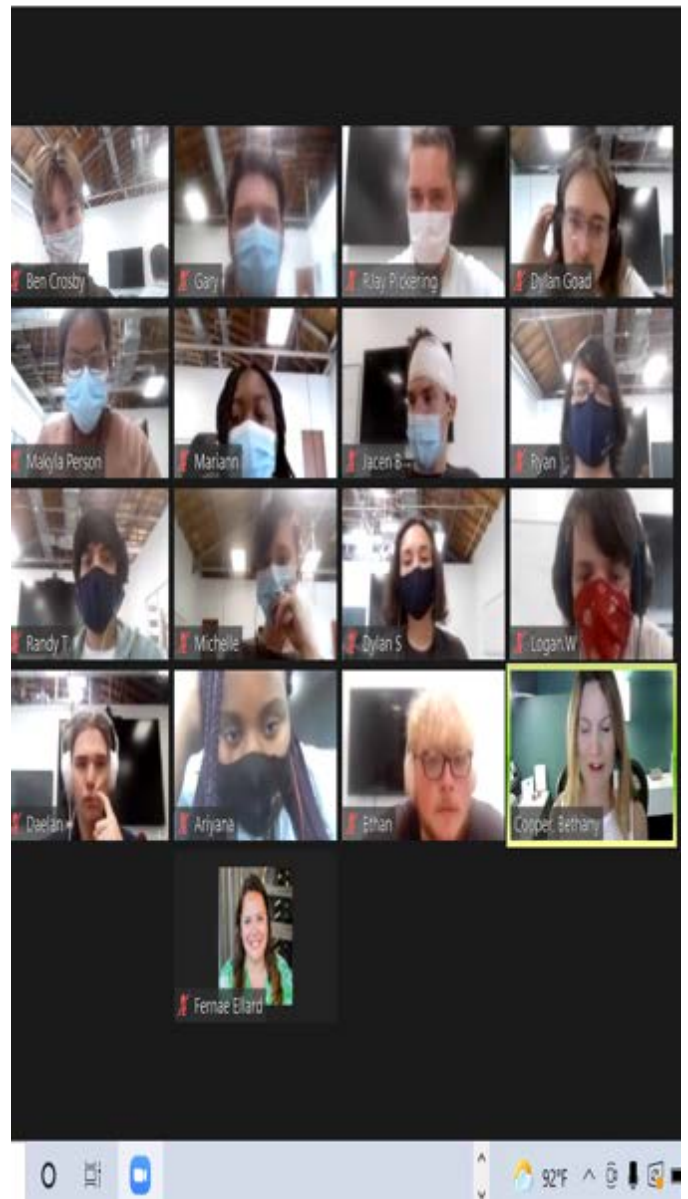
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Panola School District. While in education, she was awarded 2020 Teacher of the Year by Panola Partnership. She graduated from Mississippi Valley State University with a BS in Computer Science. Sean Ennis lives in Water Valley, and he holds a BA in Philosophy from LaSalle University and a MFA in fiction writing from the University of Mississippi. Previously, he served as a Writing and Literature Instructor and an Academic Mentor at the University of Mississippi. He is the author of *Chase Us: Stories* published by Little A, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Both were drawn to Base Camp because of the non-traditional approach to student instruction. We're delighted to have them on board!

GUEST Speaker

At the end of July, the Class of 2022 met with Base Camp Board Member and CoreLogic Talent Acquisition Manager, Bethany Cooper. Each year she speaks with Base Camp students about important human resources topics so they can better understand how to handle delicate workplace situations. Students learned important information about professionalism in the workplace, the development of a “growth mindset,” and the proper steps to take when dealing with a situation such as workplace harassment. This was the first meeting with Bethany for many in the class, and everyone was given an opportunity to ask questions. We appreciated her time and insight!



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