Base Camp Coding Academy
Newsletter

Base Camp Coding Academy Class of 2022 (Version 6.0!)

The Spring of 2022 has been overflowing with exciting news at Base Camp Coding Academy!

There's so much to share, here is a quick Executive Summary, more details below:

- Base Camp is expanding our teaching staff! We are adding an additional Technical Instructor for Base Camp, as well as a Technical Instructor for the new pilot! (See below.) If you or anyone you know has the technical chops and overflowing heart to join the Base Camp team, please have them reach out to kagan@basecampcodingacademy.org!
- The Base Camp class of 2022 graduated on May 7th, 18 students strong.
- The incoming Base Camp class of 2023 will start classes on June 1, with 35 students coming from 22 schools.
- Base Camp will host its first Pioneer Programmers Coding Camp June 28th -30th for rising 11th and 12th grade women.
- Tennessee Valley Authority is partnering with Base Camp to run a two year pilot, the Base Camp Graduate Institute. (Base Camp for adults!)
- A new pilot this year with NWCC will allow Base Camp to hire a second technical instructor, and develop a for-credit pathway for our students. Please let your networks know Base Camp is looking to fill this new position asap!
- We are excited to welcome Briana Talley, the new Director of the Base Camp Graduate Institute!

Class of 2022

We make no secret of the challenges the Base Camp students face in this program. There is a huge amount of content to learn, requiring new levels of dedication, perseverance, and study habits. The class of 2022 also faced the headwinds of social distancing, masking, and quarantines. Yet, as we continue to learn each year, in a supportive system with high expectations our young adults rise to meet these challenges.

Thank you to Dr. Nashlie Sephus for providing an excellent commencement address!

A huge thank you to Brittany Cohen (Technical Instructor) Sean Ennis (Director) and Corey Mize (Director of Outreach, Recruitment, and Placement) for supporting these students through the challenging year.

Four students continue to interview. If you are looking for hard working and driven young tech professionals, Corey Mize would love to help connect you with Base Camp alumni: corey@basecampcodingacademy.org

Justin Ashmore: Bruce	Mariann McCord: Charleston
Jacen Barefoot: Pontotoc	Ma'Kyla Person: Water Valley
Ryan Bennett: Saltillo	RJay Pickering: Pontotoc
Rylee Chisholm: Pontotoc	Michelle Rankin: Saltillo
Logan Coley: Pontotoc	Dylan Shipton: Pontotoc
Will Collins: Bruce	Quinton Summerford:Lafayette
Ben Crosby:Oxford	Randy Trullet: New Albany
Dylan Goad: Grenada	Richard Tutor: Pontotoc
Daelan Hollingsworth: Pontotoc	Logan Wilkins: Panola

Class of 2023:

Since 2015, Base Camp has offered us all the opportunity to learn how to help our students get from zero to competitive-technical-ability and start their careers in Tech in less than 12 months. We have been growing slowly and steadily, with the support of our amazing Sponsors.

The Everest facility project, completed in 2020, has afforded Base Camp new opportunities to grow and improve. Everest is allowing us the space to expand our core program to 35 incoming students, host a summer program to introduce young women to tech, and launch the new Graduate Institute!

35 students will start their journey with Base Camp on June 1, our largest class to date. Watch our social media outlets for a class picture next week!

Open House: Base Camp Class of 2023

Hiring!

Base Camp is hiring two additional Technical Instructors:
1) Full time teaching role, (40 hours per week,) in partnership with Northwest Mississippi Community College, includes benefits and state retirement.
2) Technical Instructor for the Graduate Institute: 25 hours each week. (15 hours of in person time on Tues/Thurs evenings, and 8 hours on Saturday, with 10 hours of remote student support.). This role will be robustly compensated on an hourly basis with no benefits.

If you or anyone you know has the technical chops and passion to join the Base Camp team and help realize our mission, please contact kagan@basecampcodingacademy.org.

The Base Camp Coding Academy Graduate Institute!

Tennessee Valley Authority's Connected Communities initiative has selected Base Camp for a 2 year pilot to learn how the Base Camp program can serve additional members of our communities. (Students aged 22 and up, with competing life responsibilities, diverse prior work experience, etc.)

We are excited to have this opportunity to leverage all the lessons we have learned over the past 7 years and expand Base Camp's ability to support both our local populations and our regional business community. This program will be scheduled along the model of an executive MBA program. In-person classes in the evenings and weekends, to allow students to maintain their current responsibilities.

With TVA's support we are bringing on two dedicated staff members to run this pilot. Briana Talley is the new Base Camp Graduate Institute Director, and will both oversee the full operation, as well as teach the professionalism, community, and project management components of the curriculum.

Briana has convened an industry Advisory Board to assist in overseeing the curriculum for the Graduate Institute. We are interviewing now for the Graduate Institute's Technical Instructor, and will be launching this program late this summer.

Briana Talley, Director, Base Camp Graduate Institute

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