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Base Camp Coding Academy Newsletter

Open House:

Friday the 27th of May, from 2 pm until 4 pm, you are invited to an open house in the Base Camp facility above the BTC Old Fashioned Grocery. (Classes will begin for the students on the following Wednesday, June 1st.)

Students from the class of 2017 are being encouraged to bring their family and friends for a show and tell of the place where they will be spending the next 12 months. This will be an opportunity for their parents/guardians to see the safe learning environment their children will be working in, and we hope to dazzle them a little with the facility and the enthusiasm we all have for the program.

There will be light refreshments, and the board and staff of Base Camp will be available to answer any questions. We hope you can join us, and have an opportunity to meet some of the students from the inaugural class.

(There will be a media presence.)

Student Recruitment:

Nine students have been accepted into the 2017 class, with 12 still in consideration for entry. (We will continue to accept nominations until Monday, the 16th.) Considering the acceptance rate of nominees to date, and the performance of these 12 prospective students up to this point in the review process, we are expecting an inaugural class size of 15.

A representative of Base Camp will attend each student's high school graduation in the coming weeks to show support, and where appropriate will participate in recognizing those students who have been accepted into Base Camp.

Classroom Setup:

The classroom is ready for students, and is everything we hoped it would be. Please see pictures below.

Fundraising Activities:

Kagan and Glen continue meeting with business and philanthropic leaders across Mississippi to ensure Base Camp has the resources to fully serve our students. Any warm introductions you can offer are greatly appreciated.

TechHire Grant:

No news has been received to date.

Founding Partners:

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