



Knoxville Entrepreneur Center Hosts Coding Camp at GHS

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Following the success of last year's one-day coding camp, Knoxville Entrepreneur Center again partnered with Grainger County and the BizFoundry to offer an expanded, four-day technology experience for students of Grainger High School.

Access to training in technology and software development is a tremendous opportunity for students. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 70% of all STEM jobs will be in computing. KEC, the entrepreneur center of East Tennessee, is addressing this problem by targeting technological exposure for students as a mechanism to foster innovation and job growth in the region.

During this edition of the coding camps, students spent time over the course of four Saturdays in February learning basic coding skills foundational for a career in technology. The program included an introduction to HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, as well as the opportunity to explore virtual and augmented reality technologies. Reflecting on the experience, Brandon Hickey, a senior at GHS, said, "I've had a great time making new friends and interacting with all the new technology, such as the VR equipment and computer programming. I can't wait to use it in the future and return to learn more next year!"

For instructors and curriculum, KEC partnered with The Biz Foundry, the entrepreneur center in Cookeville, TN. In addition to supporting code camps, The Biz Foundry has also founded TN Code Academy and the 100 Girls of Code in order to expose youth to tech career possibilities.

KEC is excited to continue growing its coding education initiative, with camps scheduled in the spring that will include Code Stock Academy, open to all students, on May 6th 2017 at the Knoxville Convention Center. Signups for Code Stock Academy will be posted at soon at www.codestock.org and www.knoxec.com. Additional camps are also being planned for Grainger High School, with details to be released when available.

Special thanks to Walters State Community College and Pizza Plus of Bean Station for providing meals and David Baker of Grainger High School for helping organize the program.

About KEC:

Knoxville Entrepreneur Center is a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to serving as the front door for East Tennessee entrepreneurs and a resources for anyone looking to grow a business. By nurturing and supporting a culture of entrepreneurship, KEC fosters innovation, creativity, and job growth within the region. For more information, please visit our website at www.knoxec.com, or email us at info@knoxec.net.