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## THE 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CODESTOCK ACADEMY KICKS OFF WITH A CODETN COMPETITION AND FORBES 30 UNDER 30 AWARD WINNER, CANDACE MITCHELL

*Codestock Academy is designed to be an immersive experience designed to inspire, educate, and connect students (grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) in the world of computer science.*

Codestock Corporation is thrilled to announce the fourth annual [Codestock Academy](#) on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at the Knoxville Convention Center. The 2019 edition will kick-off with the annual CodeTN competition on **Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.**

The sessions on **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**, will launch with Candace Mitchell as the keynote speaker at **8:30 AM.** Candace, a Forbes 30 Under 30 award winner, currently serves as the Entrepreneur-in-Residence for Ascend. Ascend is a 2.5-million-dollar program founded by JPMorgan Chase to support minority-owned small businesses. In addition to her role as Ascend mentor, she is also a serial entrepreneur having started Techturized, a data-driven hair care startup and a personalized consumer hair care brand, Myavana.

On **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**, a variety of sessions will feature computer science topics giving students one-of-a-kind access to workforce and entrepreneurial development opportunities. The content will range from computer science skills and careers to public speaking, and other soft skills.

Additionally, [Pyxl](#) will offer a web development workshop to help students hone-in their coding skill. Former professional ice skater turned web developer, Aimee Knight will provide the closing keynote at 4:00 PM.

Codestock Academy would not be possible without the generous support of [Pilot Flying J](#). Other partners who have contributed to making the day possible include [Sword and Shield](#), [PerfectServe](#), [Codestock Corporation](#), [CodeTN](#), [Knoxville Entrepreneur Center](#), and [The Muse](#). If you have additional questions or would like to sponsor students, please contact Stephen Jenkins at [Stephen.Jenkins@codestock.org](mailto:Stephen.Jenkins@codestock.org).

**Dates:** April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM -9:00PM and April 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 – 5:00 PM

**Location:** Knoxville Convention Center, 701 Henley St. Knoxville, TN 37902

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**For more information about the regional CodeStock Conference, visit:**

<http://codestock.org>

**For CodeStock Academy registration for April 13<sup>th</sup>, visit:**

<https://codestockacademy2019.eventbrite.com>

**For more on CodeStock Academy keynote speaker Candace Mitchell:**

<https://www.candacevictoria.com/>

<https://hypepotamus.com/news/ascend-2020-candace-mitchell/>

<https://www.techturized.com/>

<https://myavana.com/>

**For more on CodeStock Academy closing keynote speaker Aimee Knight:**

<http://codestock.org/announcing-codestock-2019s-saturday-keynote-speaker-aimee-knight/>

<http://www.aimeemarieknight.com/>

[https://twitter.com/Aimee\\_Knight](https://twitter.com/Aimee_Knight)

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