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Base Camp Coding Academy Newsletter

There are just over 2 months before classes begin at Base Camp, and the many facets of the program are coming together smoothly.

Student Recruitment:

Sean Anthony, our Technical Director, has refined and is now leading the Student Recruitment process. There are over 20 nominees for the first class, and we expect twice that number before we stop accepting nominations for this class year. Each nominee goes through an initial interview, followed by an aptitude testing process, and the final interview. Many thanks to Sean and members of the board who are taking the time to travel and conduct these interviews.

Classroom Setup:

The chairs and training tables are arriving today, and we are looking forward to sharing pictures of the safe, inspiring learning space our students will enjoy in the coming years.

Hiring Committee:

Interviews for the Program Director position are ongoing.

TechHire Grant:

Base Camp submitted a grant application to the Department of Labor on the 11th of March for workforce development funding. This was an exhaustive process and we are very thankful to our partners who helped bring this together: Northwest Community College, The Oxford-Lafayette Economic Development Foundation, C Spire, FNC Inc., Trustmark Bank, Mechanics Bank, Next Gear Solutions, and Senator Roger Wicker.

Base Camp has been very fortunate to have strong support from Mississippi's business and philanthropic leaders. Adding a third component to this financial foundation will help expand the positive impact we can have on our state. Our fingers are crossed, and we will share any news we hear in the coming months.

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.

Curriculum Design:

This week Base Camp will host a 2 day design session, bringing together our Customers, (Mississippi business leaders in tune with the skills they need in their new-hires,) gifted software engineers, and our education specialists who will set pacing, identify learning tools, and generally determine the best means to achieve the final product of a work-force ready young adult.

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