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## Base Camp Coding Academy Newsletter

### Welcome the Base Camp Class of 2018!

We are excited to introduce the class of 2018. Classes started last Thursday, and we will have much more to share in the coming months. As of this fourth day of classes we can report an enthusiastic, engaged group of hard working young folks have started their journey.



Alexandra Fortner  
Andrew S. Griffin  
Austin Bullard  
Jose Vargas  
Lizeth Buenrostro  
Allie Parker  
Asia Green  
Jo'Tavious Smith  
Valente Alvarez  
Timothy Corner  
Angel Zapata

Bruce High School  
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Charleston High School  
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Lafayette High School  
North Panola High School  
Oxford High School

Khaliyah Hervey	Oxford High School
Trey Shelton	Pontotoc High School
Osvaldo Quinonez	Pontotoc High School
Maegan Avant	Water Valley High School
Shedlia Freeman	Water Valley High School
Britney Wilbourn	Water Valley High School
Edgar Guzman	Water Valley High School
Shay Shuffield	Water Valley High School
Sara Rose Hester	Water Valley high school

### **Class of 2017 Graduates!**

The class of 2017 graduated on May 6<sup>th</sup>, with an audience of over 150. We were struck by the large audience not only because everyone was able to fit into the Big Truck Theater in Taylor, MS for the event, but because this crowd was there to celebrate 11 graduates.

Today four of these graduates are at work at the CSpire offices in Ridgeland, one is at work at the MTrade offices in Oxford, and six graduates are looking forward to starting with FedEx in July. (One student was thrilled to report that their code has already made it to production. Translation: less than a month after graduating from Base Camp, our students are contributing to the products that their employers deliver to customers.)

Joe York, the award-winning documentary filmmaker, gave us a graduation present. He has compressed the story of Base Camp (to date) into five minutes. Enjoy, and feel free to share this video with others:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D\\_Z1dhiPPxE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_Z1dhiPPxE)

### **Base Camp Fundraiser:**

A giant thank you to everyone who was able to join us in Taylor, MS for our first annual Base Camp fundraiser. Not only were we all able to share in the success of this first graduating class, but we exceeded our attendee goal, and put over \$12,000 into the Base Camp accounts. We hope to see you all again next year!

### **Classroom Visitors:**

Yes this is only day four of the new year, but we would like to thank David Campbell and Dwayne Casey (Dean and Associate Dean of Workforce Development,) from Northwest Mississippi Community College, for being our first visitors of the year. David and Dwayne have provided support and guidance from the very beginning, and we are so thankful for their ongoing efforts to make Base Camp a success.

### **Access:**

If you would like to keep up with the goings-on in the Base Camp classroom in between these newsletters, Sean does a great job posting updates to our social media sites:

<https://www.facebook.com/basecampcodingacademy/>

<https://www.instagram.com/basecampcoding/>

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