Apparatus Partners with Herron High School Students

Information Technology jobs are in high demand, while the industry is faced with a shortage of talent. Apparatus and Herron High School have partnered to help combat the trend by giving students passionate about IT the tools and confidence they need to succeed in pursuit of a career in IT.

Located just three blocks away from each other in downtown Indianapolis, Herron High School and Apparatus have strong business, community and family relationships. Upon the formation of an IT Club at the high school, technology professionals from Apparatus jumped at the opportunity to help foster student’s passion for technology. Each week, the IT club members gather in the Apparatus Tech Center (ATC), a state-of-the-art conference room, to work on fun technology projects selected by a student driven agenda.

The IT Club will introduce students to community leaders and technical experts. The students learn technology through hands-on, real-world projects. Projects can range anywhere from building PCs, servers and websites to programming and coding. The objective of the club is to immerse students into an environment that becomes familiar.

The students will be utilizing technology as a tool no matter what field they choose when entering the work place. Being a part of the club gives them a platform to start building their confidence. Information Technology is infused in everything we do, whether it be at school, in your home or your work place.

Since the clubs formation, the students learned to use the Apparatus 3D printer, MakerBot, reviewed online resources for self-directed learning of programming and technical skills and discussed data centers and networking concepts. In addition, the students have looked into “cloud” services and website hosting. They are currently working on building their own club website at Amazon Web Services. Check them out at [herronitclub.com](http://herronitclub.com/).

We look forward to our involvement with the Herron IT Club as we continue to learn from one another.

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