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## COUNCIL OF DIGITAL ENGINEERS (CODE): EXPANDING COMPUTER SCIENCE CREATIVITY & INNOVATION

**Brooklyn, NY** — CODE was founded on the principles of sparking curiosity within the computer science field in Brooklyn Technical High School but has now expanded to the doors of students, of all backgrounds, around the New York City Metropolitan area. CODE is a student-led 501(c)(3) organization that strives for engaging individuals through the use of programming to encourage creative, out-of-the-box, thinking as well as team collaboration and communication. With these unparalleled events of remote learning, many students isolate themselves and independently work. At CODE, we're addressing these issues at their roots as we aim to establish communities where students can share and build on each other, sharing a similar passion for programming.

C.O.D.E summer program is a 2 week free program between July 5th and July 16th, which aims to teach middle school students the ability to code as well as offer an opportunity to High school students that wish to teach and work within their community. The summer program would be between Monday and Friday, during the times 12 pm to 2 pm EDT, in which students chosen to be Mentors (High school students mentioned above) would teach and interact with their middle school students and introduce them to code. Through our curriculum, students would be introduced to python. They would also be introduced to the world of computer science and its endless opportunities. In addition, they would be able to make relationships with people that share similar interests and the ability to ask for assistance or questions from experienced executives within C.O.D.E.

C.O.D.E chapter program is a way to expand C.O.D.E within more schools within the New York City metropolitan area, to reach more students and introduce them to the field of computer science. Aspiring High School Students, who volunteer to have a chapter within C.O.D.E. for their schools, in which they would want to expand the computer science world to their fellow peers will also have several benefits. Volunteers would be able to gain experience with their fellow peers to organize and instruct their meetings. Along with the experience, volunteers would also gain community service hours as they are aiding within the community. The chapter program would consist throughout the school year and would run with the assistance of C.O.D.E. Individual chapters are able to run their own events throughout the school year and are able to meet on different days and frequency throughout the week as long as it meets at least once a week.

At CODE, we believe that each person can become curious and change the world by strengthening their knowledge by attending our guest speaker events, hackathons, competitions, weekly virtual programs, and would essentially be a step in the right direction for them and the future of computer science as a whole. Since everyone is curious in their own right, through our work, we hope that we can revive the interest in programming and that their passion will drive them to excel as the future of computer science unfolds.

A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step, at CODE, with your help, we could be that first step. To learn more, visit our website <u>techcodes.org</u>

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