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Top Student Programmers Coached at iPhone App Master Class

The INTERalliance of Greater Cincinnati is hosting a special four-hour master class at Mother of Mercy High School on the west side of Cincinnati to coach local programming wizards in iPhone and iPad coding techniques.

January 12, 2011 – Cincinnati, Ohio – There is a real shortage of qualified programmers for all the local businesses who want to take advantage of the latest iPhone/iPad mobile app craze. The INTERalliance of Greater Cincinnati, a non-profit collaboration of local businesses and educators, wants to see that void filled by local high students.

In response, the INTERalliance announced today it is taking on the challenge of upgrading the competitive skills of some of our region's brightest high school students. **Mother of Mercy High School** is opening the doors of its state-of-the-art Mac lab on Sunday, January 16th, under the leadership of Computer Science teacher, **Marcus Twyford**, and partnering twenty of the region's sharpest young coders with subject matter experts **Manish Chaturvedi** from **Miami University-Oxford**, and **Parminder Saini**, CEO of **Amy Business Solutions, LLC**, Miamisburg, Ohio, along with Twyford from Mercy.

For four intense hours, invited local high school INTERalliance students will be joined by a few INTERalliance members now at local universities, and together they will dive into a technical learning "blitz". These gifted students will be put through a crash course in coding apps in Objective-C, the programming language used to create mobile applications for Apple's iPhone and iPad, with the goal of coming out ready to write apps for others.

Students invited to the Master Class include **Kyle Gundrum**, **Summit Country Day '10**, now at **UC College of Business**; **Ryan Finke**, **St. Xavier HS '08**, now at **UC DAAP**; **Anna Lin**, **Mason HS '10**, now at **Ohio State University**; and **Denver Coulson**, **Loveland HS '10**, now at Miami University. Current high school students invited to participate include **Matt Anderson**, **Nate Stewart**, **Tyler Stewart**, **Brandon Jacques**, and **Stuart Bowman** from **Mason High School**; **Bradley Sower**, **Ryan Clark**, and **John Stoll** from **Hamilton High School**; **Akash Umakantha**, **Trey Schroeder**, **Ian Kirschner**, and **Jeffrey Linn** from **Lakota East**.

What all of these students have in common is an existing reputation with teachers and the business community as accomplished programmers, even at the tender ages of 15 to 19. The mission of the INTERalliance is to connect these budding IT professionals with future employers in the region. And there's a line of companies just waiting to hire these students to generate useful IT solutions for their businesses.

Says **Doug Arthur** of **Atos Origin** and Executive Director of the INTERalliance, "When businesses encounter true IT talent, it doesn't really matter whether the talent is 36 years old or 16 years old. Talent is talent, and these kids are quite simply amazing! Our job is to give them the know-how and the tools to make a difference at local businesses, and then get out of the way!"

The INTERalliance of Greater Cincinnati has been placing some of brightest high school students in paid summer and school-year internships at leading local businesses like **P&G**, **GE Aviation**, **Kroger**, **Atos Origin**, **Kao Brands**, **Cintas**, **Scripps**, **Zakta**, and **ShareThis** since 2006. Companies interested in participating in this award-winning program should email or call Doug Arthur, Executive Director, at doug.arthur@atosorigin.com, 513-378-2172.

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