



MEDIA ALERT: April 26, 2021

Gov. Little announcing Idaho Codes program today

- WHO** The Success in Education Foundation, Idaho STEM Action Center, Idaho Technology Council, Office of the Governor, Åcahand Foundation, and other leaders from industry, government, and education are collaborating on a new initiative.
- WHAT** The partnership is launching year two of Idaho Codes (IdahoCodes.org), an online computer science course that teaches students in grades 7-12 statewide how to build websites and develop apps with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. **New this year are summer coding camps at the state's four community colleges** — College of Eastern Idaho, College of Southern Idaho, College of Western Idaho, and North Idaho College — and a few other locations. Camp capacity is limited with some locations only having 30 seats available. No prior coding experience is required. Urban and rural students alike can access 120 hours of professional-grade curriculum and find mentorship opportunities. Thanks to donations from the Åcahand Foundation and other organizations in partnership with the Idaho STEM Action Center, students who register will get their fees waived.
- WHEN** Monday, April 26, 2021, at 2 p.m. MDT
- WHERE** ONLINE — Join our Zoom videoconference to participate in the press briefing at <https://idla.zoom.us/j/94504031301> (Meeting ID: 945 0403 1301)
- WHY** Computing literacy is important to the State of Idaho. Computer science is one of the most in-demand college degrees, computing is used throughout many careers, and CS careers are the number-one source of all new wages in the country. In fact, CS jobs account for more than half of all projected job growth in STEM fields. The Education Commission of the States anticipates computing jobs in Idaho will grow 19 percent by 2027.
- HOW** The Idaho Technology Council (IdahoTechCouncil.org) is spearheading the industry-led initiative in partnership with the Idaho STEM Action Center (STEM.idaho.gov). The engine behind it is Salt Lake City nonprofit Success in Education (sieutah.com), which offers the program throughout Utah and is handling registrations and managing the website for the Idaho initiative.
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