Mayor McLean to code with Whitney Elementary students at CS Ed Week event Thursday

WHO   Boise Mayor Lauren McLean, new Idaho STEM Action Center administrator Dee Mooney, formerly of the Micron Technology Foundation, and members of her team, industry volunteers, and Whitney Elementary teacher Dr. Cindy Daly and her students.

WHAT   Mayor McLean will take part in an Hour of Code event with students at Whitney Elementary. More than 60,000 Hour of Code events are planned worldwide this year during its 12th anniversary, including over 14,000 around the world, and at least 95 in Idaho. Hour of Code is a global movement Code.org founded in 2013 that coincides with Computer Science Education Week internationally. Considered the largest learning event in history, Hour of Code has reached more than 1.8 billion learners ages 4 to 104 in over 180 countries.

WHERE   Whitney Elementary School, 1609 S Owyhee St, Boise, ID 83705.

WHEN   Thursday Dec. 12, 2024:

- 9:40 a.m. — volunteers arrive and start coding with students
- 10:00-10:30 a.m. — Mayor McLean arrives
- 10:35-11:00 a.m. — Hour of Code session for elementary students w/ Mayor McClean
- 11:00 a.m. — Mayor McLean departs

WHY   Computer science is one of the most in-demand college degrees, computing is used throughout many careers, and CS careers are a major source of new wages in the country. According to a **Code.org report**, "Computing occupations are the #1 source of new wages in America — that's 16% of all new wages — and computer science accounts for the majority of new STEM jobs." And according to the Idaho Dept. of Labor, 19 of Idaho's top-20 hot jobs through 2030 require STEM skills.

HOW   Idaho STEM Action Center is a point of connection for educators, businesses, families, and communities to prepare the workforce of tomorrow. The agency provides resources and support that sparks innovation and works to offer paths to prosperity based on Idahoans' shared values of hard work, collaboration, self-determination, family, and community stability. Learn more at stem.idaho.gov and visit stem.idaho.gov/support-us/foundation to make a tax-deductible donation

to its 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation to enhance the investment the state has made in Idaho's STEM community.

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