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Foshay Tech Academy, in Partnership with Code.org Invites Community to Hour of Code Tech Fair

(October 13, 2015) Computer Science Education Week starts December 7th and the Foshay Tech Academy in South Los Angeles is hosting an Hour of Code event to inspire and engage the community. The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. The Tech Academy believes that students should learn computer science as it helps students to develop 21st century skills to prepare them for college and careers. This event highlights the innovative work that is happening at the Foshay Tech Academy, where the majority of students are Hispanic and Black and will be first generation to attend college, as a way of showing what is possible and needed in schools throughout the Los Angeles area.

WHO:Students and teachers from the Foshay Tech Academy in collaboration with Code.org; leaders from LAUSD, UCLA and industry will also be in attendance.

WHERE: Foshay Learning Center, 3751 S. Harvard Blvd, Los Angeles, 90018

WHEN: Monday, December 7th from 10am - 12pm. RSVP HERE

10am - 11am - Tech Fair - guests are invited to interact with students and their projects

11:00 - 11:30 -- Presentation and comments from community leaders

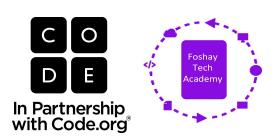
11:30 - noon -- Reception

WHAT: The Tech Fair will engage the outside community and middle school students to experience computer science through reviewing and interacting with the seniors' semester long projects that address or help solve an issue in the community. Sample projects include experimenting with e-textiles and Arduinos, a water conservation game, and gamifying school. In addition juniors will show off their games in JavaScript and sophomores will be available to help middle school students log in and participate in online Hour of Code tutorials.

Following the tech fair we will have some time for selected guests to speak to the importance of computer science education.

The <u>Hour of Code</u> is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics. The Hour of Code is organized by Code.org, a public 501c3 non-profit dedicated to expanding participation in computer science by making it available in more schools, and increasing participation by women and underrepresented students of color. An unprecedented coalition of partners have come together to support the Hour of Code.

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