



BCAUSEICAN, You Can, We Can!

Welcome To Our Newsletter

BCAUSEICAN is a 501(c)3 organization founded by men who were born and raised in the communities they serve and have a driving passion to reach and teach children so that they can thrive, strive, and arrive. Follow this [link](#) to read more about our programs.



History of BCIC

BCAUSEICAN was founded in July 2015 by four friends with a history of mentoring and coaching youth in their communities. The organization's name is based on the slogan "BCAUSE I CAN, You Can, We Can". In 2015, the team formed a Board of Directors and obtained approval as a 501(c)3 organization.

BCAUSEICAN has a long and successful history of implementing computer, financial literacy, health, and mentoring programs. The staff collectively has over 75 years of information technology and engineering experience as well as over 20 years of volunteering and service to underserved communities.

The Founders witnessed first-hand the socio-economic disparities that are passed down for generations. It was a commitment to change this cycle of disparities for many students, families and communities that ignited the passion of the Founders to implement change and form a non-profit.

Ron Nicholson,
Executive Director

Our Mission

To equip youth in underserved communities with the knowledge and skills today to prevent socioeconomic disparities in the next generation

Python Coding Class

BCAUSEICAN successfully launched a (4) week, (8) session Python Coding Pilot

program from July 9-July 30. Python is one of the leading coding languages in the IT industry today and used highly in Artificial Intelligence, Agile Framework Development and Cyber Security. The



Our Focus

Four critical development areas:

Technology Awareness

Financial & Business Awareness

Health & Fitness Awareness

Social & Behavioral Comportment

program was conducted for (11) students ranging from Middle to High School on a first come, first serve basis. It was a great opportunity to expose the students to such a powerful skillset. BCAUSEICAN received overwhelming responses to offer more Python classes this Fall and this is in progress. When asked what was the most interesting aspect of the class, one of the students responded "Coding is very useful for many things like web development and many other businesses and I'm happy to receive this training!" We are happy to be able to provide it! **"BCAUSEICAN, You Can, We Can!"**.

Our Vision

An equal playing field for youth growing up in every community



6 Year Anniversary

BCAUSEICAN celebrated its 6 year anniversary on July 28. It has been quite a journey from an idea of (4) colleagues and friends to a non-profit providing programs and services to several students, families and communities in the Washington Metropolitan area. BCAUSEICAN would not have reached some of the goals and milestones without the support of dedicated donor support, countless volunteers, staff and support of local district council members. It takes a village to raise a child. BCAUSEICAN is part of that village.

For Volunteer Opportunities or School Inquiries

Please click this [link](#).



Volunteer Spotlight- Demetree Wiley

BCIC Receives Grants from District 2,3,&5

BCAUSEICAN is pleased to announce being a recipient of the Special Appropriations Grant Award from District 2, Deni Tavares, District 3, Dannielle Glaros and District 5, Jolene Ivey. BCAUSEICAN is currently providing programs and services to schools and families in these districts. The Special Appropriations Grant will assist BCAUSEICAN in

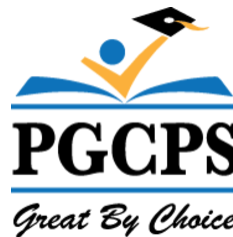
BCAUSEICAN would like to spotlight the volunteer contributions of Demetree Wiley. Demetree has been a volunteer for BCAUSEICAN since September 2018 and has contributed to many BCAUSEICAN programs since his arrival. Demetree initially assisted the BCAUSEICANCODE Coding Program providing hands-on in-person assistance to students grades K-5 at the Shaw Community Center in Washington, DC.

Demetree's contributions expanded as he was essential with networking with Accenture to assist BCAUSEICAN in being nominated as the Metro DC Spotlight Charity for 2020. He led the Accenture Cyber Security Virtual Tour that was offered to over 200 elementary school students in December 2020.

Demetree currently assists the BCAUSEICAN Executvite Director in strategic planning initiatives and corporate outreach. His spirit and dedication to the community is unwavering. He exemplifies the BCAUSEICAN mission and vision by his actions. Thank you for your efforts!

conducting current services and expanding the programs and services to new schools and families.

BCAUSEICAN is extremely appreciative of Councilmember Taveras, Councilmember Glaros and Councilmember Ivey for their support of the mission and vision of the organization. If you are interested in volunteering to support BCAUSEICAN, please send a correspondence to volunteer@bcauseican.net or select this link <https://www.bcauseican.net/contact>.



BCIC Partners with PGCPS

BCAUSEICAN is pleased to announce the partnership with the Prince George's

County Public School system and the work that was accomplished for the 2020-2021 school year. In a difficult and unprecedented year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, BCAUSEICAN was still able to deliver quality programs and services to several PGCPS schools. The programs included STEM & CODING after school enrichment, an ESOL CLUB for students and Family Technology Workshops for families in English and Spanish.

BCAUSEICAN's mission is to deliver generational changing programs and services to students and communities. The partnership with the PGCPS allows BCAUSEICAN to continue the mission and vision of the organization.

Testimonials

**Melissa Laws, Shaw Community Center
Program Director**

"What and where would we be technically without you! Thank you so much. You have been hands on and epic in making sure the entire model run smoothly with no malfunctions. Bcauseican rocks and we are grateful to have you on our team

and partner. Coding is the future and thanks to you. Our youth have been learning to code for over 3 years."

**Phi T. Thach, Judge Sylvania Woods
Elementary School Coordinator**

"On behalf of all of us at Judge Sylvania Woods Sr. Elementary School I want to thank you for your generous gift of backpacks/ school supplies to help prepare our scholars and for preparing/facilitating a 4 session Technology Workshop on Saturdays for our parents in English and Spanish to support them with their technology issues and concerns this school year SY20-21. Thank you for your dedication and a continuous partnership in building a stronger community, we could not do our work without your support!"



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