



# 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.

## Accenture JSW Virtual Tour 2021

Accenture successfully conducted two Cyber Security Virtual tours for the 4th and 5th grade students at Judge Sylvania Woods Elementary in Glenarden, MD. The tour for the 4th grade was conducted on November 3rd, 2021 and the 5th grade tour was conducted on November 10th, 2021. Demetree Wiley, was the tour guide and led the students on the amazing world of cyber security and data risk management. The tours were interactive and engaging and the students had great questions, which initiated current cyber security topics/trends.

Please check out this [video](#) of some future Cyber Security Analysts.

## Our Mission

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



## BCAUSEICAN Metro Spotlight Charity

BCAUSEICAN has been selected as the Accenture 2021

Metro Spotlight Charity for the second year in a row! Accenture provided employees the opportunity to donate to our vision and focus. BCAUSEICAN is pleased to announce that we have successfully reached our donation goal of \$3,000!! BCAUSEICAN is pleased to partner with Accenture and everyone who continues to support the mission and vision of the BCAUSEICAN organization.

## Our Vision

"An equal playing field for youth growing up in every community"

## BCAUSEICAN Spotlight's Carrollton Elementary

### For Volunteer Opportunities or School Inquiries

Please click this [link](#).



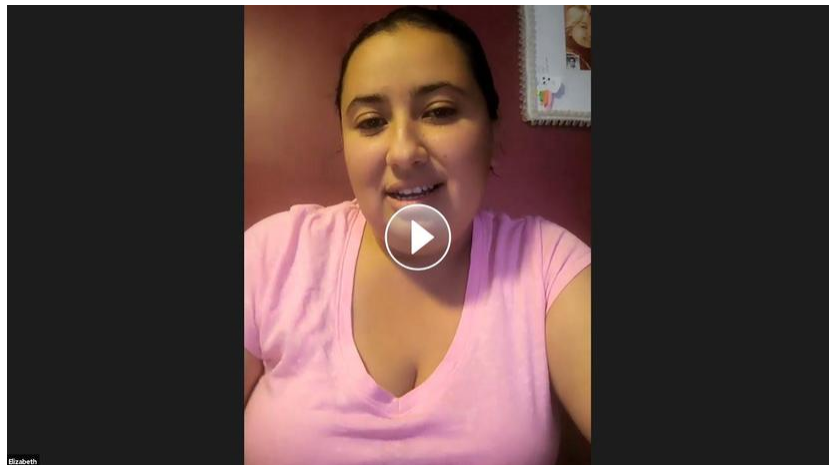
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BCAUSEICAN is delighted to partner with Carrollton Elementary School in New Carrollton, MD for the second year in a row. BCAUSEICAN is conducting both the BCAUSEICANCODE Coding program and the Family Technology Workshops. The BCAUSEICANCODE currently has 12 student scholars from grades 3-5. The students are learning coding in SCRATCH. The Family Technology Workshop has 20 parents enrolled to learn a variety of technologies ranging from computer basics to advanced topics of Google WorkSpace. We appreciate the efforts of Principal Teresa Bey and Community Coordinator Dulce Santos in joining us in our mission and vision. BCAUSEICAN, You Can, We Can.

Please enjoy this testimonial video from one of our parents who attends the Spanish Family Technology Workshops.



### Instructor Spotlight- Amanda Leon

BCAUSEICAN would like to spotlight the staff contributions of Amanda Leon, who currently serves as the Program Manager for the Family Technology Workshop. In August 2020, Amanda joined our team as a volunteer, but quickly became a significant team member. Through her time with us Amanda assisted in developing the Family Technology Workshop curriculum, in which she was able to display her versatility in computer coding curriculum. As a Lead instructor, Amanda has contributed new ideas and innovative coding projects that have enhanced our Family Technology Workshop and BCAUSEICAN SCRATCH Coding curriculum. Amanda played a pivotal role in our ESOL pilot course



Stay tuned for more programs and events from BCAUSEICAN inc. Follow along on our socials to hear about the latest events and classes.

- Python Coding
- Scratch Coding
- Family Technology Workshops
- Double Good Popcorn Virtual Store

this summer (2021), as she developed and lead an 8 week curriculum with the assistance of her team that was a huge success.

Amanda has become a swiss army knife when it comes to assisting in BCAUSEICAN programs and exemplifies the BCAUSEICAN mission and vision by her actions. Her spirit and dedication to the community is unwavering. BCAUSEICAN greatly appreciates all of the work that Amanda has done to develop and hone our computer coding programs and ESOL courses.

Thank you for your efforts.

Ron Nicholson  
Executive Director



## **Shaw Community Center Continues to Rock!**

BCAUSEICAN is in the 5th year of the partnership with the Shaw Community Center located in NW Washington, DC. The students in the BCAUSEICANCODE

## **BCAUSEICAN Awarded Grant from Joseph E. and Marjorie B. Jones Foundation**

BCAUSEICAN has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Joseph E. and Marjorie B. Jones Foundation to support the BCAUSEICANCODE Computer Coding program for students disadvantaged by the digital divide and lack of digital inclusion. The award notification was received early October 2021 and BCAUSEICAN is excited and appreciative to partner with the Jones Foundation. BCAUSEICAN welcomes the Jones Foundation in joining the mission and vision of the BCAUSEICAN organization. "BCAUSEICAN, You Can, We Can"

coding program range  
from grades K-6.

## ***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. Becauseican 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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