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## BENDIX SPONSORS SUMMER TECH CAMPS TO BENEFIT LOCAL STUDENTS

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For Fifth Consecutive Year, Bendix Funds High School Tech Camps, Advancing Company Support of Local Education and Technology Initiatives

**ELYRIA**, **Ohio – April 25**, **2019 –** When each camp concludes, students leave enriched with new technical skills – and much more too, including improved ability to work in teams, solve problems, and think critically and creatively. Not to mention the takeaways of lasting friendships and fresh ideas for their futures.

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC is helping to ensure this opportunity for Northeast Ohio (NEO) high school students. For the fifth consecutive year, Bendix has contributed \$10,000 to sponsor a summer program designed to engage local rising ninth-through twelfth-grade students in hands-on technology learning experiences.

Called the High School Tech Camps, designed for NEO students, the 2019 program features eight, one-week, full-day sessions – each sponsored by leading NEO employers and industry groups. The camps are organized and delivered by longtime collaborators, the Northeast Ohio Regional Information Technology Engagement Board (RITE) and TECH CORPS.

Bendix has donated \$10,000 each year since the program launched with five codingfocused camps. This support has helped the program to expand to include coding, cybersecurity, and blockchain-focused camps across eight NEO colleges and universities. More than 800 students from across the region have participated in the program. In 2018, students represented 66 different high schools.

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All the camps – held during June and July – are free to participating students. Among the sites is Lorain County Community College (LCCC), in Elyria, where Bendix is headquartered. In all, the camps will serve 160 high schoolers selected through an application process. A special emphasis is placed on recruiting students typically underrepresented in computer science programs, including ethnic minorities and girls.

During each camp, students are immersed in subject matter focused on C# programming language, cybersecurity, or blockchain. Working collaboratively, they explore complex ideas and concepts, while using technology to design and create solutions. Students also interact with technology professionals from the sponsor organizations, and learn about educational and career pathways in the region.

The 2019 High School Tech	Camps will be held at these locations:
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Order	College	Sponsor	Topic (Cyber or Programming)	Week of Camp	Camp Address
Camp 1	Lakeland	Hyland	Blockchain	June 3-7	7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, OH 44094
Camp 2	The University of Akron	Smuckers	Cybersecurity	June 3-7	302 E. Buchtel Ave., Akron, OH 44325
Camp 3	CWRU (TEALS Students Only)	Microsoft	Programming	June 10-14	2095 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Cleveland, OH 44106
Camp 4	LCCC	Bendix	Programming	June 24-28	1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria, OH 44035
Camp 5	Tri-C East	SIM CLE	Programming	July 8-12	4250 Richmond Rd., Highland Hills, OH 44122
Camp 6	Baldwin Wallace	OEC	Programming	July 15-19	BWU Math & Science Building, Room 171, 139 Jacobs St., Berea, OH 44017
Camp 7	CSU (TEALS Students Only)	Microsoft	Programming	July 22-26	2300 Chester Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115
Camp 8	Kent	Eaton	Cybersecurity	July 29-Aug 2	800 E. Summit St., Kent, OH 44240

Students can learn more about the camps, and complete a camp application by visiting https://ohiorite.com/educators/hs-tech-camp/.

"We're thrilled to again sponsor the High School Tech Camps. The experience helps students discover their passion, build their IT skills, and learn the rewards that can come from technical endeavors," said Kate Scheibelhut, director, IT Americas and Global Innovation at Bendix. "In addition to helping the students, programs such as this camp help our business and region by expanding the base of technical talent. By contributing to this inspiring effort, Bendix has the opportunity to help plant the seeds for the future."

Scheibelhut serves on the Greater Lorain RITE Council, a local action arm of RITE's Regional Leadership Board, as the employer representative for Bendix. The effort is part of

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Bendix's ongoing dedication to support local STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and education programs, as well as area-wide community growth.

"With our company-wide commitment to supporting STEM initiatives, the High School Tech Camps program is a natural fit, and we're grateful for the opportunity to sponsor it," Scheibelhut said. "Everybody wins – most importantly, the students, but also companies like ours that rely on technical talent, and our region as a whole."

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