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2023 National Coding Symposium Aims to Introduce Students of all Ages to Coding

Louisville, KY (November, 28 2023) – American Printing House for the Blind's (APH) virtual 2023 National Coding Symposium Presented by APH and Partners, will take place **Monday, December 4, through Wednesday, December 6**. The free, annual event, aims to demonstrate that coding and programming is accessible to students who are blind or low vision, while showcasing the plethora of opportunities in the career field of computer science.

The event was moved from spring to December to align with Computer Science Education Week, which is the largest learning event in history, aiming to get K-12 students interested in computer coding.

Computer science-related jobs are found in many career fields and are growing faster than any other industry; however, the pool of potential candidates is decreasing. According to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, the computer and information technology field is expected to grow by 13 percent from 2016-2026 - faster than the average growth rate of all occupations. By 2026, another 557,100 jobs are expected to be added within the field.

"Coding allows children to improve their math and logic skills by fostering important problem-solving skills. Being able to code helps children become independent in a highly technological world. Building those skills as a student will lay the foundation for success, flexibility and advancement in their future careers," said Leanne Grillot, APH Senior Director of Outreach Services.

Speakers, presenters, and panelists include leaders from HumanWare; Deque Systems; Bridges; APH ConnectCenter; NSITE: Gen-Cyber; and more. Keynote speakers, presenters, and panelists come from a diverse coding career background including programmers, business leaders, entrepreneurs, inventors, hiring managers,

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career center directors and counselors, university and high school instructors, and more.

Registration for the Coding Symposium is open and free for all attendees. While the targeted audience is students considering a career in or related to computer programming, the contents of the symposium will benefit teachers and parents as well.

Visit the 2023 Coding Symposium website.

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Learn more about the 2023 APH Coding Symposium.

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