Local Computer Training Firm Partners With Howard County Cybersecurity Academy High Schoolers

Giving Back to the Community by Providing Free Training to Next Generation of Computer Specialists

COLUMBIA, MD, USA, September 18, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Firoozeh Azarbaidjani-Do, co-founder and president of Phoenix TS, the internationally acclaimed and award-winning computer training solution provider, today unveiled a partnership with the Howard County's Cybersecurity Networking Academy to provide free cybersecurity mentoring to the Academy's students. The three-hour cybersecurity training session was delivered to 22 of the Academy's students who were

Phoenix TS Vice President Claude Williams joins Deputy Superintendent Linda T. Wise and Phoenix Co-Founder and President Firoozeh Azarbaidjani-Do to mentor Howard County students in cyber security.

awarded recognition certificates by Howard County Public School System Deputy Superintendent Linda T. Wise and Azarbaidjani-Do. Also attending was Howard County Board of Education member Sandra French.

In discussing the partnership Azarbaidjani-Do said, "These young men and women represent the future of cybersecurity and we want to support them the best way we know how – through working with our top notch professionals who are as eager to share their knowledge as the students are to learn."

When asked about the partnership, Deputy Superintendent Wise said, "Cybersecurity is one of the most pressing issues we face today and it is wonderful to see organizations such as Phoenix TS taking the initiative to help ensure our next generation of leaders have the very best training possible."

Added Azarbaidjani-Do, "During their three hour session with our team, the students learned about Cryptography Basics, Encryption Basics and Protocols, and they also participated in labs which presented scenarios that required them to implement appropriate protection measures in order to effectively secure data. It was a real world challenge."

The 22 students from Howard County's Cybersecurity Networking Academy are taught by Vipul Savalia. The Academy is designed for students who have an interest in expanding their

knowledge and skills related to computer hardware, software, operating systems, fundamental and advanced networking, and cybersecurity related threats and mitigation techniques. Students gain practical hands-on experience in these fields and demonstrate their ability to analyze cyber threats by using networking devices, simulation tools, software, and competitions. These courses prepare students to obtain a wide variety of industry recognized IT certifications.

Azarbaidjani-Do concluded, "Cybersecurity is a vital part of our training work. Organizations need to be committed to protecting their web systems from such attacks through close monitoring, penetration testing and thorough investigation if an attack does occur.   Security will always be a concern. That's why we need more knowledgeable and diligent security professionals to increase our odds and continue to play catch up in the cyber war against black hat hackers. The interest these students show is an exciting encouragement for the future."

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