



5 SATURDAYS COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ORANGE CENTRAL COAST ANNOUNCED

Empowering Our Students Future with Technology and Agility Skills

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[5 Saturdays](#) is pleased to announce a collaborative partnership to share the Job Readiness and Effective Communications workshop with the Boys & Girls Club of Central Orange Coast (BGC Central OC). Five BGC Central OC Team Leaders received training in the 5 Saturdays curriculum and were able to successfully lead a 5 Saturdays workshop in December 2017. The Team Leaders provided learning experiences at the Santa Ana, California center to 15 high school students, who learned job readiness, resume writing, effective communications and interviewing skills. The workshop is designed to provide learning experiences to high school students in [agile life skills](#) that include creative and critical thinking to plan and develop a resume to find a job.

Elizabeth Aguilar, BGC Central OC Chief Operating Officer said... "The 5 Saturdays pilot workshops held at our Teen Center in Santa Ana were successful in engaging students in the content and providing a hands-on experience. Many of the students who attended the workshops said they had gone through similar workshops at school but preferred the format of the 5 Saturdays workshops because they felt the material was made more clear, interactive, and less boring than what they had previously experienced. We are excited to be able to do more pilot workshops from the 5 Saturdays program, and we hope to eventually replicate the model at our Santa Ana Club as well."

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Tammy Hawkins, Experis U.S. Managing Director stated, "Sharing the 5 Saturday's program content and training with the Boys & Girls Club leaders and teachers was an invaluable experience. Their desire to gain useful and meaningful materials for their students was evident in their questions and engagement. Because they needed our content to pertain to their students, they challenged us to customize our workshop to fit their needs; it was a powerful and humbling experience to work with individuals who are so passionate and dedicated to their profession."

Robbie Smith, a BSA and PM at Thales Avionics shared, "It was a great experience training the Boys & Girls facilitators. It was an interactive workshop that engaged the student facilitators and allowed them to ask excellent questions. They were eager to learn how to bring the 5 Saturdays content to elementary, middle & high school students. It was very rewarding to see the progress that each facilitator made by the end of the workshop."

Dr. Dave Cornelius, founder of 5 Saturdays stated "We are committed to exposing students to Agile and Scrum life principles, as well as technology skills. 5 Saturdays wants students to build personal confidence and succeed, so we focus on enabling students to discover and use their individual power and leadership skills. It is exciting to see students take ownership for lifelong learning. Helping high

school students acquire life skills early is a fundamental value of the 5 Saturdays program."

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About Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast (BGC Central OC) has been a cornerstone of the Costa Mesa, Irvine, Newport Beach, Orange, and Santa Ana communities since its founding. Since 1941, we have provided strategic programming, safe space, and quality mentoring to over 100,000 youth with the skills they need to graduate high school, pursue higher education, and join the workforce, building a foundation to live meaningful, productive lives. Today, we pride ourselves in being recognized by BGC America as one of the most innovative Clubs in the nation, particularly with our IMPACT Model. While there are many youth-serving organizations in Orange County, none provide youth with the breadth of academic, fitness, and enrichment activities as BGC Central OC. Rather, our Club serves as a complement to other youth programming. We are very proactive in fostering relationships with similarly-minded nonprofits to best serve youth and their families. All of BGC Central OC's activities, whether at the Club, at a school, or out in the community, are designed to empower youth and build up protective family and community factors that reduce risks and increase likelihood of positive outcomes. Our mission is: To ensure every child has mentors and champions in life. For more information, please call 714-543-5540 or visit BoysandGirlsClub.com.

About 5 Saturdays

Started in 2013, Costa Mesa-based 5 Saturdays focuses on opening the door for underserved students to a career in information technology and business. Students learn in a collaborative and project-based environment and are exposed to concepts such as Kanban and user stories that they can use right away to tackle homework or community service activities, and in the future as they move on to college and a career. Teaching is done by industry professionals, coaches, and trainers, who donate their time and serve as learning facilitators. For more information, visit 5Saturdays.org.

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