

EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPLETE 5 SATURDAYS 2018 SUMMER AGILE, TECHNOLOGY, & LEAN BUSINESS WORKSHOP

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COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, August 23, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Students from <u>Early College High School</u> recently completed the <u>5 Saturdays</u> summer workshop, which introduced them to Agile principles, lean business, and technology, including skills to develop WordPress websites. This is the third year that students from Newport-Mesa Unified School District's Early College High School participated in the program.

As part of the summer workshop, students learned about innovation, as well as job readiness, resume writing, and effective communications/interviewing skills. Twenty students earned Agility Team Leader certifications and community service hours for their participation. Twelve industry professionals and two students from the 2017 workshop participated as learning facilitators and received the Agility Leadership certificate of completion.

Dr. David Martinez, principal at Early College High School, said the innovative 5 Saturdays program is invaluable for students. "I feel our school has been blessed with the 5 Saturdays team working with our young people. We want to help students dream big and explore science, technology, engineering, Agile, and math as future careers paths," Dr. Martinez said. "This program shows students that they can do just about anything with the right learning experiences, skills, and way of thinking."

"We are delighted to have concluded our third summer workshop with students from Early College High School. Dr. Dave Martinez is a wonderful partner, and we appreciate working collaboratively with him and the students to achieve the best possible results," said Dr. Dave Cornelius, founder of 5 Saturdays.

"We are committed to sharing Agile and Scrum life principles, as well as technology and business skills with students. 5 Saturdays wants students to build personal confidence and succeed, so we focus on having students discover and use their individual power and leadership skills. It is exciting to see students take ownership for lifelong learning.

"In addition, 5 Saturdays extends heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our 2018 program sponsors, including <u>Agile Alliance</u>, Scrum Alliance, Experis, Technossus, and KnolShare.org. Their support helps guarantee success for students and opens doors for students interested in information technology and business careers," Dr. Cornelius said.

As part of the 5 Saturdays 2018 summer workshop, business leaders are invited to provide feedback to the students and serve as Sharks for the mock Shark Tank event. Elisabet Hardy, Legal Enterprise Solutions (LES) Global Product Management and Marketing Teams at Thomson Reuters, Jason Bonifay, Chief Technology Officer of AutoGravity, and Dave Andrews, Founder and

President of Devious Media provided valuable questions and insights about running a business.

Several members of Experis team volunteered to serve as interviewers during the speed interviewing activities. Tammy Hawkins, Managing Director, Experis and 5 Saturdays Leadership Council member said, "I am so proud of my teaming for giving back to the community".

In other news, 5 Saturdays announced that:

□Bfrem Hawkins has joined the 5 Saturdays Leadership Council. Hawkins is Sr. Director of Operations at Medline Industries, Inc., providing expertise in developing strong customer service relationships, ensuring "flawless execution" of operations, and building a strong cohesive team environment.

□ The 5 Saturdays 2018 scholarship were offered to Alexandra Leon and Reno Moralez, Jr. The two Early College High School graduates attended the 5 Saturdays program three years in a row.

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. Knowledge sharing is done by industry professionals, coaches, and trainers, who donate their time and serve as learning facilitators and mentors. For more information, visit www.5Saturdays.org.

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