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Black Boys Code Partners with Morehouse College to Expand Tech Exposure for Youth During Black History Month

Free AI workshop for Black boys aged 8 to 17 on February 22 in Atlanta

Atlanta, GA – 20 February 2025 – Black Boys Code and the [Morehouse College](#) Computer Science Department are celebrating Black History Month by hosting *ImaginAltion: Celebrating Black Excellence in STEM*, a free, hands-on AI and digital storytelling workshop for Black boys aged 8 to 17. Taking place on Saturday, February 22, this event will introduce young participants to artificial intelligence and digital storytelling to promote their inclusion in STEM – fields where Black professionals remain underrepresented.

More than 50 young scholars will take part in this one-of-a-kind opportunity to explore AI through creative digital projects while being mentored by Morehouse students and tech industry leaders.

“To inspire and empower the next generation of Black tech leaders, we must do more than provide access, tools, mentorship, and training—we must ignite their belief in their limitless potential,” says Bryan Johnson, CEO of Black Boys Code. “Our partnership with Morehouse College is a defining moment for our organization and the communities we serve. Morehouse stands as a beacon of excellence, leadership, and legacy—precisely the standard of greatness these young minds are destined to reach.”

Student participants will develop practical skills in AI literacy and digital storytelling with hands-on support from Morehouse scholars affiliated with the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM), Advanced Coding Collective (ACC), and the Morehouse Tech Collective (MTC). These mentors exemplify the skill, opportunity, and vision of Black innovation, which will be modelled for young participants.

“We are on a serious mission in the Morehouse Computer Science Department to prepare young men to excel in computing and data-driven fields, but we realize that students arriving to campus with coding experience start college with a significant advantage,” said Dr. Alfred Watkins, director of the Atlanta University Center Data Science Initiative and former Computer Science Department Chair. “Therefore, partnering with Black Boys Code is a fantastic development and one that we strongly believe will have a lasting impact on the young scholars that participate.”

Event Highlights

The event at Morehouse College will bring together tech industry leaders, educators, and young learners for a day filled with:

- Digital storytelling workshops where students will craft engaging narratives about Black innovation
- Hands-on AI image creation, generating visuals that highlight historical moments or futuristic innovations in Black excellence
- AI-based video generation, that empower students to produce their own short AI-generated videos to showcase their creative storytelling
- A Creativity Showcase, where students will present their AI-generated projects to peers, instructors, and parents for an opportunity to win prizes

About Black Boys Code

Founded in 2018 in Atlanta, Georgia, Black Boys Code is a national 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to inspiring and empowering Black youth to explore the limitless possibilities in STEM. By providing mentorship, industry exposure, and technical training, we aim to develop the next generation of innovators and creators in the digital age. We believe education is the key to unlocking the potential of Black youth, empowering them to become future leaders and powerful voices of change. Our curriculum, resources, and mentorship equip young minds with the tools and knowledge they need to succeed in the digital age and beyond. Black Boys Code is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, hosts monthly digital literacy workshops, as well as after-school and summer programs in Los Angeles, CA as well as 15 chapters across Canada. Black Boys Code has impacted more than 15,000 students through hands-on learning, mentorship, and community-driven programming. For more information, visit blackboyscode.com.

About Morehouse College

Morehouse College is the largest men's college in the United States and the only college with a mission to educate Black men. A private, liberal arts institution founded in 1867, Morehouse is the nation's top producer of Black men who go on to receive doctorates, and the top producer of Rhodes Scholars among HBCUs. It was named to the list of U.S. institutions that produced the most Fulbright Scholars in 2019-2020 and has the top-rated core curriculum of any HBCU nationwide, according to the American Council of Trustees and Alumni. Academic Influence has also named Morehouse as one of the two most influential HBCUs of the 21st century. Morehouse is one of the top five HBCUs nationally, according to U.S. News and World Report, which also ranked the

College among the top 20 liberal arts colleges nationally in terms of social mobility and in the top 50 nationally in terms of innovation. Morehouse is also the #1 producer of Black male graduates in Georgia in biology, business, engineering, English, foreign languages, history, mathematics, performing arts, philosophy, physical sciences, religion, and visual arts, according to *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*. As the epicenter for thought leadership on civil rights, Morehouse is committed to helping the nation address the inequities caused by institutional racism, which has created social and economic disparities for people of African descent. Prominent Morehouse alumni include: Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel Peace Prize Laureate; Dr. David Satcher, former U.S. Surgeon General; Shelton "Spike" Lee, Academy Award-winning American filmmaker; Maynard H. Jackson, the first African American mayor of Atlanta; Jeh Johnson, former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security; Louis W. Sullivan, former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services; Bakari Sellers, attorney and CNN political analyst; Randall Woodfin, elected as the youngest mayor of Birmingham in 120 years; and U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock, Georgia's first Black U.S. senator from Georgia. For more information, please visit [morehouse.edu](https://www.morehouse.edu).