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Eleven Fifty Academy & Women & Hi Tech Collaborate to Encourage Women in Tech

FISHERS, IN - Today Eleven Fifty Academy and Women & Hi Tech announced a joint initiative to provide mentoring to women attending the Academy's most recent software development course (JavaScript/June 2017). Members of Women & Hi Tech will meet weekly with these women to share how they got to where they are now, and answer any questions about their current role in a high-tech career. Additionally, Women & Hi Tech is helping Eleven Fifty Academy to identify companies that are willing to interview these students for internships and apprenticeship opportunities after graduation.

Tiffany White, Board President of Women & Hi Tech stated: "By sharing our journeys, the members of Women & Hi Tech can identify the potholes, roadblocks, safe harbors, & expressways that these women might encounter in their careers. We hope these "roadmaps" will give these women confidence as they embark on their own journeys in tech."

Women & Hi Tech is one of the largest women's organizations in Indianapolis. Their members represent diverse fields including computer technology, consulting, manufacturing, engineering, education, life sciences, marketing, public service and sales. They engage, educate, and energize women in STEM through professional development, meaningful networking and community outreach.

John Qualls, CEO of Eleven Fifty Academy, shared "We are excited to partner with Women & Hi Tech and their membership to mentor our female students. Who better to understand the opportunity and challenges for women in tech than the women who have already forged the path into a tech career?"

Eleven Fifty provides students with a quicker path to purpose and connects employers to a growing tech talent pool. The program curriculum design and maintenance are crafted with industry advisory employers. Eleven Fifty Academy measures their success by the placement and progression of their students' careers.

"Diversity is a core value of Eleven Fifty Academy. We believe the current market demand for STEM and tech talent presents a unique opportunity to lower systemic biases of gender in tech. It's partnerships like this that will make a significant impact for gender equality in the tech workforce" said Qualls.

White added: "Higher education has always been at the heart of the Women & Hi Tech mission. As the cost of a traditional residential university education skyrockets, we embrace accelerated lower cost education that up-skills students quickly so they can have an edge in today's competitive and ever-changing world of technology. We are delighted to partner with Eleven Fifty Academy; closing the technology skill gap and helping individuals become fully actualized."

About Eleven Fifty Academy:

Eleven Fifty Academy is a nonprofit organization that offers a variety of mobile, web and professional courses through immersive learning at subsidized rates, made possible through partnerships, corporate and individual donations. Headquartered in Fishers, Indiana, Eleven Fifty Academy provides the best possible training experience while consistently accelerating the learning curve for people of all ages and skill sets. The mission of Eleven Fifty Academy is to build an ecosystem of technical talent that benefits the individual, their employer, and their community. Please visit <https://www.elevenfifty.org> for more information.

About Women & Hi Tech:

Women & Hi Tech is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to attract, develop, retain, support and promote women in any field in which technology has an impact. Women & Hi Tech achieves this mission through mentoring, education, networking and professional development; initiating their engagements in grade school and continuing them throughout one's professional career. Please visit www.womenandhitech.org to learn more.