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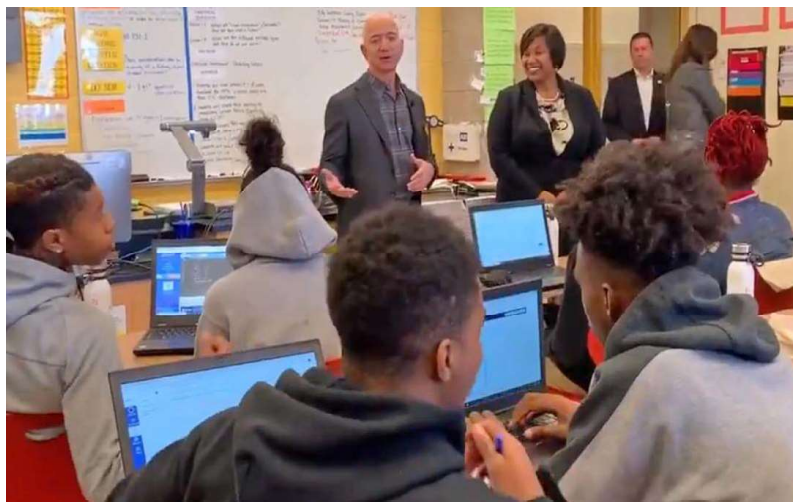
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Amazon's Future Engineer Program funds High School Computer Science Classes

SEATTLE, WA—Amazon announced this week it reached a new milestone—through its Amazon Future Engineer program, it is funding computer science courses in more than 2,000 high schools supporting students from underserved and underrepresented communities across the country. Benefiting more than 100,000 high school students, from Nenana, Alaska to Washington, D.C., Amazon is funding full-year Intro and AP computer science courses, primarily for public Title I schools that have never offered AP computer science courses before.

Amazon Future Engineer is a four-part, childhood-to-career program that works to inspire and educate 10 million children and young adults each year from underserved and underrepresented communities to try computer science.

Earlier this week, Amazon CEO, Jeff Bezos, visited an Amazon-funded computer science class at Dunbar High School in Washington D.C. Discover more with Amazon's full story at bdpatoday.com. **bt**



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Microsoft awarded new Contract for Pentagon's \$10 Billion JEDI Project



WASHINGTON — When the dust settles, FCW reports Microsoft could be the cloud provider of choice for the Pentagon for years to come.

The Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure (JEDI) contract is a large Department of Defense (DOD) cloud computing infrastructure and platform services project.

Tech companies interested pursuing this contract included Amazon, Google, and Oracle. Earlier this calendar year, DOD recently awarded its business software contract, DEOS (Defense Enterprise Office Solutions), to GDIT, a Microsoft integrator and BDPA-DC's 2018 Industry Sponsor of the Year.

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MMTC Commends National Civil Rights Organizations and the New T-Mobile for Their Diversity and Inclusion MOU

WASHINGTON — The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) commends the thoughtful Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) recently executed between the New T-Mobile and the National Urban League, National Action Network, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-AAJC, OCA—Asian Pacific American Advocates, the League of United Latin American Citizens, and UnidosUS.

The MOU comprehensively addresses the need for minority participation and inclusion in T-Mobile's workplace, C-suite, and board, as well as the company's procurement practices, including a commitment for the New T-Mobile to achieve entry into the "Billion Dollar Roundtable," a group made up of corporations that have spent at least \$1 billion with minority and women-owned suppliers. The MOU ensures that T-Mobile will engage consistently in proactive, thoughtful outreach to the communities of color

whose telecommunications needs are too often overlooked and underserved.

MMTC CEO Maurita Coley stated that "the MOU contains a host of realistic, effective, and measurable commitments to promote diversity and inclusion, in addition to some voluntary, aspirational diversity commitments. In concluding this MOU, the New T-Mobile and the National Civil Rights Organizations have demonstrated the power of true leadership, and a mutual commitment to social justice." **bt**



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MMTC and Charter Communications co-hosted a panel discussion in Washington, D.C., October 24, 2019, for Multicultural Content Creators on the importance of stories told by people of color in media, television, and film. Moderated by Maurita Coley, MMTC President and CEO, panelists included (L-R) Robyn Greene Arrington, Vice President of Original Programming and Production, TV One and CLEOTv One; Kim Tignor, Executive Director, Institute for Intellectual Property and Social Justice; Curtis Symonds, CEO, HBCU Network and HBCU Go App; DeShuna Spencer, Founder, KweliTV; and Felix Sanchez, Co-Founder, National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts.

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