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VIA E-MAIL

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Re: Menlo App Academy

Dear Matt Dillabough and Max Colbert,

I'd like to commend you for your initiative, dedication to technology and for teaching youth the importance of coding. I read the USA Today, September 15th article about the two of you, entitled, *Change Agents: The Menlo App Academy wants kids to code*, and I was highly impressed.

Your mission to teach students with the hope that those students will teach others, could impact not only their future but also the competitive world of technology and a growing need for US employers. Although you are only fourteen, you are already such visionary professionals with profound potential. Not many teens your age know how to write a budget, a mission statement and business plan. You are developing valuable coding, teaching and presentation skills that will lead you down a path towards mounting success.

In the article, I noticed that you are hoping to secure a grant from the Packard Foundation. I'd like to wish you luck with your grant application as I know this will truly help grow the Menlo Academy. You and your academy are a true asset to your community and are leaders amongst your peers. I am confident that with your motivation and enthusiasm for coding you will excel and accomplish all of your endeavors.

I hope your story inspires other young individuals to dream big and reach for their goals. Good luck with the Menlo Academy and congratulations on all of your accomplishments!

Sincerely,


Eugene Montanez
Council Member