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SACRAMENTOWORKS

Regular Meeting of the Sacramento Works Youth Committee

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: SETA Board Room
925 Del Paso Blvd., Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95815

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. **ACTION:** Approval of the September 9, 2015 Minutes
3. **ACTION:** Review and Approval of the Request for Proposals for WIOA Youth Program Services for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016
4. **INFORMATION:** Summary of Results of the Code For Hood Event
5. Public Input
6. Adjournment

Members: Brian Broadway, Paul Castro, Zak Ford, David Gordon, Matt Kelly, Brandon Louie, Dennis Morin, Matt Perry, Deborah Portela, Dale Waldschmitt, Susan Wheeler, David Younger.

Youth Advocates: Jessica Gomez and Matthew Rocha-Rosario

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SACRAMENTO WORKS YOUTH COUNCIL

Minutes

(The minutes reflect the actual progression of the meeting.)

SETA Board Room
925 Del Paso Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815

September 9, 2015
8:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: Mr. Dennis Morin called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Members Present: Brian Broadway, Zak Ford, David Gordon, Brandon Louie, Dennis Morin, Dale Waldschmitt, Susan Wheeler, David Younger

Members Absent: Paul Castro, Matt Kelly, Daniel Koen, Matt Perry, Deborah Portela

Youth Advocates Present: Tatiana DeLeon (Crossroads Diversified Services); Matthew Rocha-Rosario (Rancho Cordova Job Center)

Youth Advocates Absent: Jessica Gomez (Hillsdale Career Center)

Others present: Chris Allen (sitting in for Matt Perry)

2. **ACTION:** Approval of the July 8, 2015 Minutes

There were no questions or corrections to the minutes.

Moved/Younger, second/Ford, to approve the July 8 minutes.

Roll call vote:

Aye: 8 (Broadway, Ford, Gordon, Louie, Morin, Waldschmitt, Wheeler, Younger)

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 5 (Castro, Kelly, Koen, Perry, Portela)

3. **ACTION:** Approval of Signature Sponsorship for the Career GPS event

Mr. Ford stated that as an employee of NextEd, he recuses himself from this agenda item and left the room.

Ms. Carpenter reviewed this agenda item which recommends sponsorship in the amount of \$10,000 for the NexEd CareerGPS event.

Mr. Younger inquired: how much have we supported them in the past and Ms. Carpenter replied at the same level as recommended today.

Moved/Allen, second/Gordon, to approve the allocation of \$10,000 of the Youth Council Initiative funds for the signature sponsorship of the CareerGPS event.

Aye: 7 (Broadway, Gordon, Louie, Morin, Waldschmitt, Wheeler, Younger)

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 (Ford)

Absent: 5 (Castro, Kelly, Koen, Perry, Portela)

4. **ACTION:** Approval of Code for Hood Youth Hackathon event sponsorship
Mr. Ford returned to the meeting.

Ms. Carpenter stated that this program gives kids the opportunity to learn how to code, design, engineering with a STEM focus. There were over 400 kids participating in the last one. Ms. Carpenter stated that this will assist 10 kids to participate. It's a county-wide event and all youth providers have been notified.

Mr. Gordon stated that the Boys and Girls Club sponsors a robotics team; he suggested that perhaps the Youth Council consider sponsoring a robotics clinic.

Ms. Carpenter stated that this program is trying to expose these kids to STEM focused curriculums. Staff is working with SCOE and planning to have this four times per year.

Ms. Wheeler asked if there were a way to find out if this program makes a difference. Ms. Carpenter replied that the kids do complete one project so the kids are taught new skills; she will ask how success is measured. Ms. Wheeler stated that if it is targeting disadvantaged youth, do we know they have this project without our help?

Moved/Younger, second/Louie, to approve the allocation of \$1,000 of the Youth Council Initiative funds to sponsor the Code for Hood event.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: 8 (Allen, Broadway, Ford, Gordon, Louie, Morin, Waldschmitt, Wheeler, Younger)

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 5 (Castro, Kelly, Koen, Perry, Portela)

5. **INFORMATION:** Notice of Public Input Meetings – WIOA Youth Program

Speakers before the board:

1. Jennifer Barrett: Elk Grove Adult and Community Education, out of school program. One area of growth with WIOA is an expanded opportunity for work experience. This is especially crucial with the expansion or age up to 24. They have been able to put their customers in custodial training. This is an opportunity for them to work independently and the people that go through the training can

work for the district as subs. This provides externship opportunities. Ms. Barrett suggests adding some flexibility to the work experience, and provide more support services such as bus passes and child care assistance. They also need counseling and coaching to move them along. The regional consortium in the area is coalescing in a very positive way.

2. Kevin Daniels Sacramento Urban League. Mr. Daniels spoke about some youth that hang out across the street from the Urban League. He goes to talk with them and has been successful in forming a relationship with these youth. One barrier they are seeing is that these kids have been successful at nothing their entire lives and the fear of failure keeps them from even trying. Some of the programs scare them, the task is too big. Mr. Daniels suggested talking about smaller training programs, 3-5 weeks long, to help them to get training and get their first job. It is okay to fail a couple of times to build their experience and mechanisms so they keep going to get it right. These are the hard-to-serve kids that will eventually break the law. They also have to work with kids to expunge records. GED for youth is crucial; they are experiencing kids coming in with 4th grade reading levels. Perhaps some creative work experience where they are in GED for ½ a day, and then work experience the other half. Offer smaller work/training programs. It's important for them to build up their successes.
3. Robin Rose Hammer, Goodwill Industries: Funding to the next level of training would help move kids upward through training. Ms. Carpenter stated that under WIOA, programs can serve youth for a longer period of time because the performance measures are the same for youth and adults.
4. Richard Thornhill, Employment Development Department. He is part of the YEOP program through the state. Things are changing and he wants to find out what this is all about. Mr. Thornhill stated that they get a lot of youth that have psychological problems. It boils down to how they are brought up and these kids are facing a lot of challenges such as gangs and domestic violence. It keeps them from moving forward in life. There is a need for some kind of program that helps kids to get them past what is going on in their heads, then they may be able to get their GED and then on to job training.
5. Rachel Wigland, Goodwill Industries: This is an extraordinary opportunity to look at nontraditional solutions for serving youth and adults. As we develop programs, try to broaden the perspective on better ways to serve youth. How do we make our programs to be more streamline and efficient.
6. Renee John, Folsom Cordova Partnership; They have not participated in youth services in the past year, but they do offer services in the community. Most needed by disadvantaged program, the need to allow our youth to fail. It is hard because with federal outcomes. We have to be innovative working with kids growing up in difficult situations; a four month shot of funds is not going to do it. There is a need to be flexible, to adjust, and offer vendorized services to provide

counseling, anger management and other services. These kids are going to need on-going mentorship. Their program looks for employers that understand the mentorship part of the equation.

Mr. Waldschmitt stated that no one addressed the services most needed by disadvantaged youth. He asked for comments about what is needed to better serve youth.

Jennifer Barrett: The Department of Rehabilitation has an increased relationship under WIOA. In the adult education program, there were weekly meetings with DOR with their students. This is critical to have DOR involved with any of the youth and include other mental health service providers as well.

Renee John: Mentoring is crucial and having appropriate caseloads levels to provide intensive case management ensures success. She spoke of a kid in their program and how it takes a lot of one-on-one hand holding with some of these kids. It is a very high risk population and will take a lot of funding to provide mentoring services. Hopefully the federal government knows that the funding will need to be increased.

Tony Lara, Galt High School District. Almost all of the kids are going through issues; they want to partner with as many agencies to offer a variety of services. One of their biggest issues is transportation.

Mr. Gordon stated that transportation seems to be an issue and asked if the program provides funds for transportation. Ms. Carpenter replied that bus passes are provided and sometimes gas cards are provided. Most of the time, kids have no license or car so the bus passes are provided when possible.

Mr. Thornhill stated that it is difficult to get bus passes for the kids. If they are getting jobs, they should be able to get on light rail or bus passes. It's very tough for them to get a bus pass.

John Rankle, Boys and Girls Club of Sacramento. There is often pressure to meet deliverables when funding is involved. There needs to be multi-faceted approach to helping kids. The investment at the front end is assessing the kids to find out what their needs are.

Ms. Wheeler asked audience members to come to the microphone and tell the Youth Council how they assist kids with challenges to overcome them and how to you get them to come in and use your services?

Kevin Daniels, Urban League: Mr. Daniels stated that he was a teacher for years and he found that you have to build a relationship with the kids. Relationship building is very important for future connections. You first have to build relationships and then get the kids to go to the training. Urban League is a

mission-driven organization and their mission to serve clients is more important than the funding.

Gabriel, Sacramento City College: One of the challenges is the lack of integration of services. It is difficult for kids to navigate the various types of services available. We need to braid not only funding but services as well. The kids do not care who provides the services as long as they get it. It would be wonderful for some of the services to be located on their campus. In relation to homeless kids, maybe have an operator that provides operational services to kids.

Robin Rose Hammer: She suggested leveraging SETA's buying powers; it would be extremely helpful to negotiate the rate of bus passes to half of the cost. Also, the kids should be able to qualify for the student rate even if you are over 18 years of age. Perhaps SETA could negotiate with Regional Transit to provide pathways for services to providers.

Mr. Louie invited audience members to encourage everyone in their network to attend the next public comment meeting in November. The information received will be utilized to develop the RFP.

7. Public Input: None.
8. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

ITEM 3 - ACTION

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR WIOA YOUTH PROGRAM SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016

BACKGROUND:

The 2016 Youth Program Services Request for Proposals (RFP) is developed in response to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 requiring that SETA procure youth providers to provide Out-of-School and In-School services to Sacramento County youth ages 16 – 24.

The WIOA Youth RFP was drafted based on the new legislation requirements and the information gathered from the two Public Input Meetings that were held on September 9, 2015 and October 14, 2015.

Oversight of the process for the selection of youth program operators is the responsibility of the Youth Committee. The Youth Committee is charged with finalizing the RFP and recommending approval to release the RFP on December 4, 2015 to the Sacramento Works, Inc., and the SETA Governing Board.

The draft RFP for the 2016 WIOA Youth Program will be sent under separate cover.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2016 WIOA Youth Program Services Request for Proposals (RFP).

ITEM 4 - INFORMATION

SUMMARY OF RESULTS FROM THE CODE FOR HOOD EVENT

BACKGROUND:

At the September 9 meeting the Youth Committee approved a \$1,000 sponsorship for the Code For Hood event. The Committee asked for a summary of results from the event. Attached is the report produced by Hacker Lab outlining the results of the Code For Hood event that was held on September 15, 2015.

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- 140 Youth
- 16 Teams
- 90 Presenters
- 76% Boys
- 24% Girls
- Ages 12 to 17

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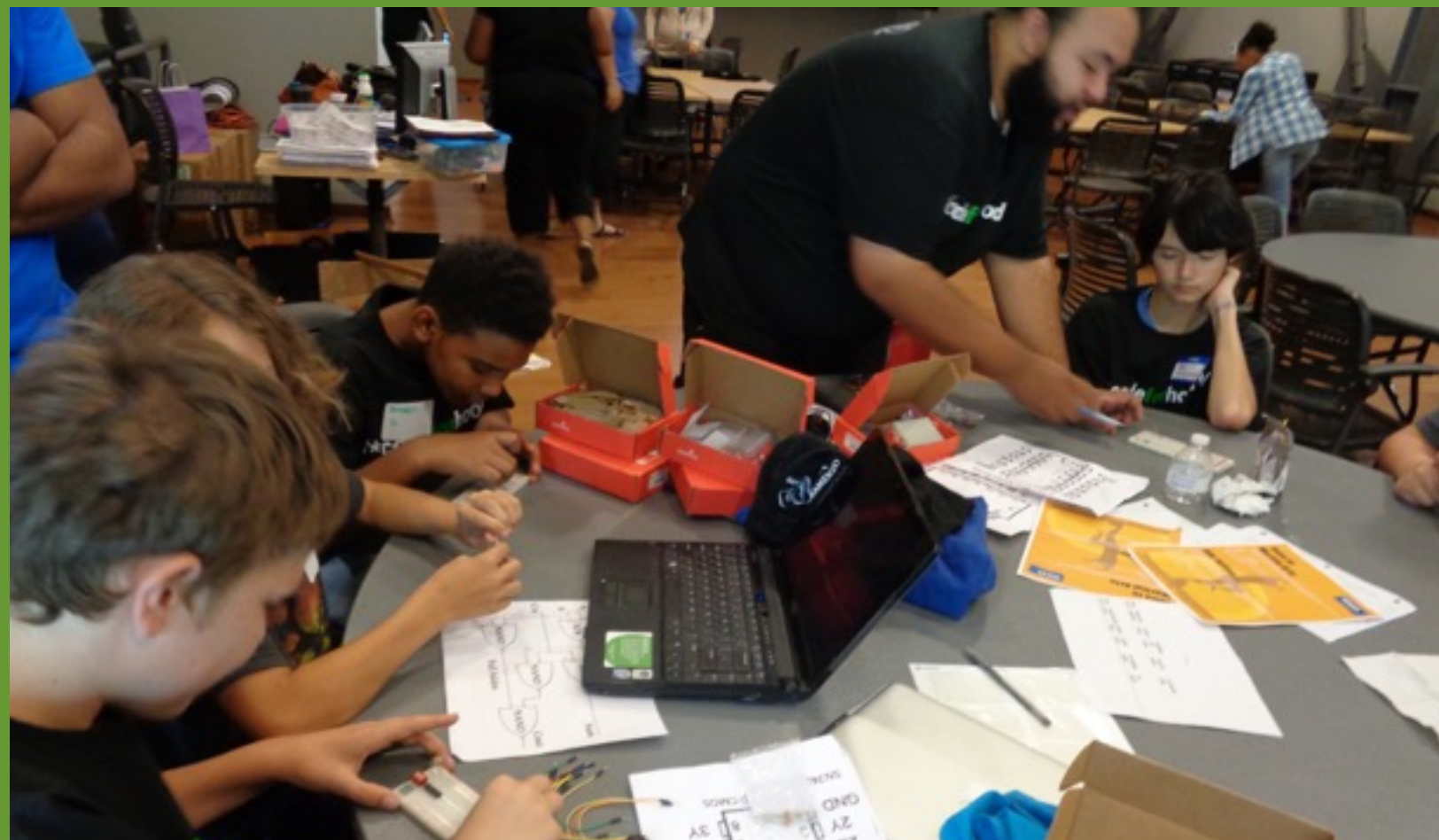
- 40% West Sac
- 10% South Sac
- 10% Elk Grove
- 5% Oak Park
- 35% Other areas
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- 25% Latino
- 25% Caucasian
- 35% Other/ Mixed

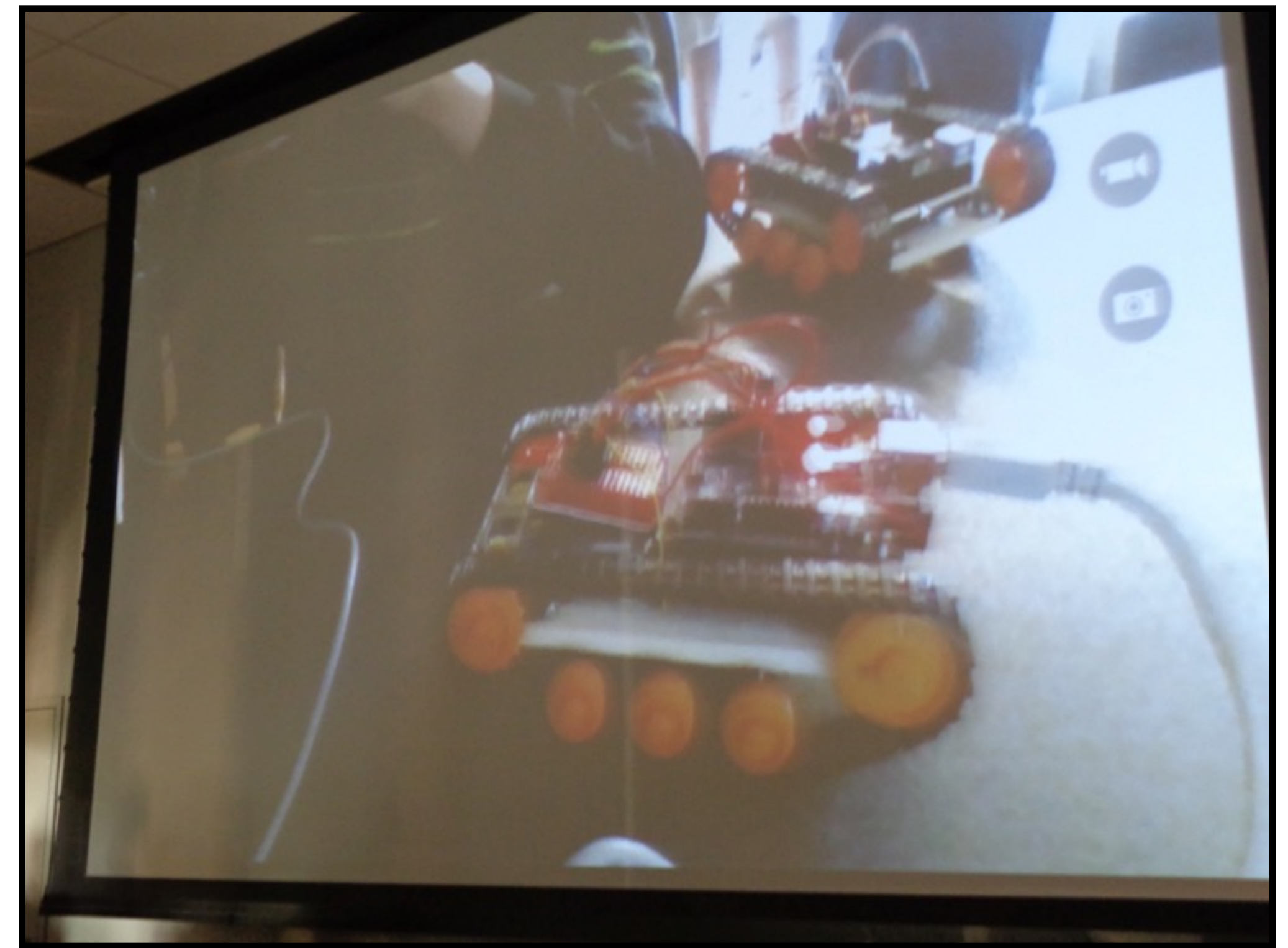
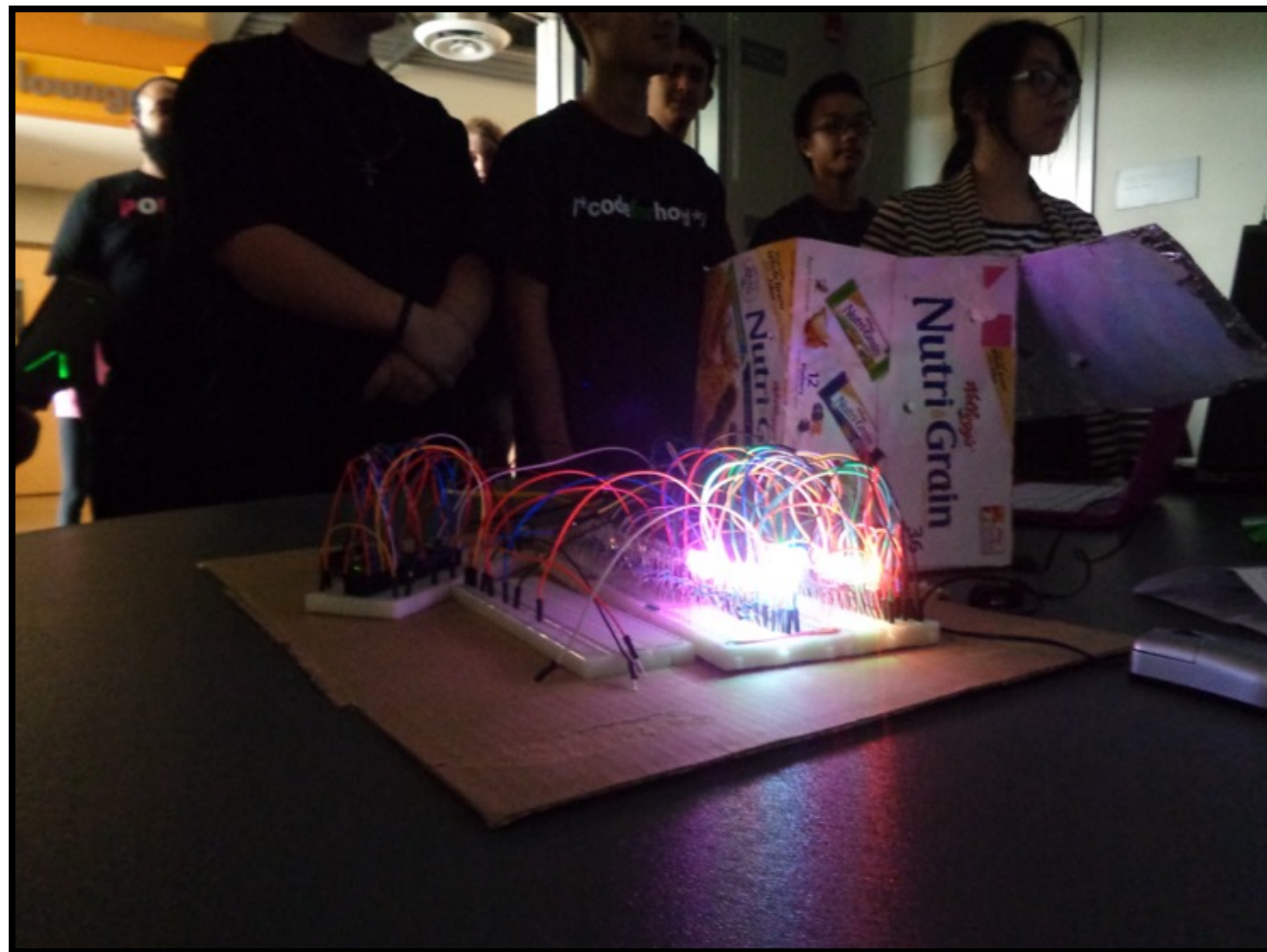
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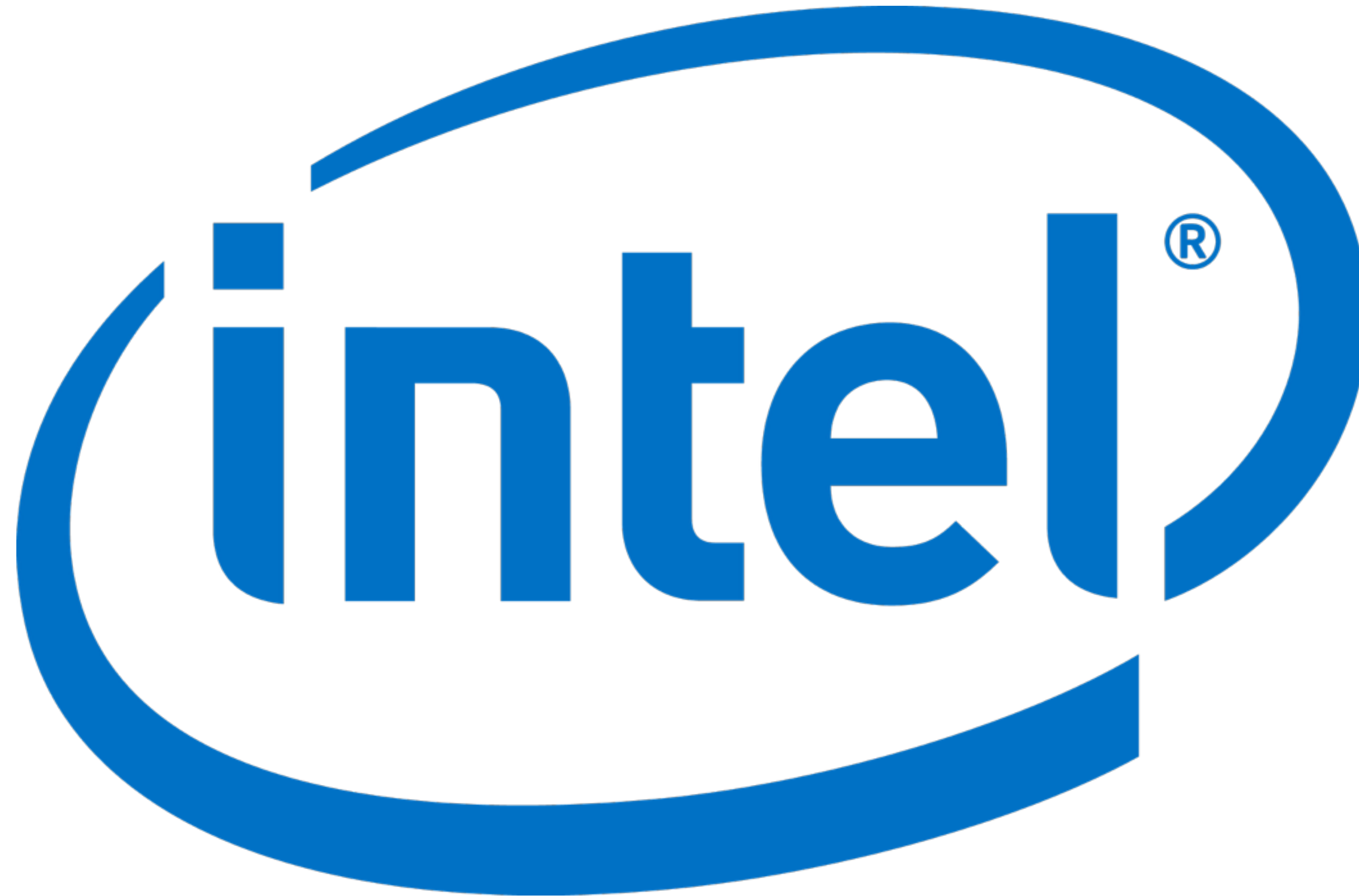
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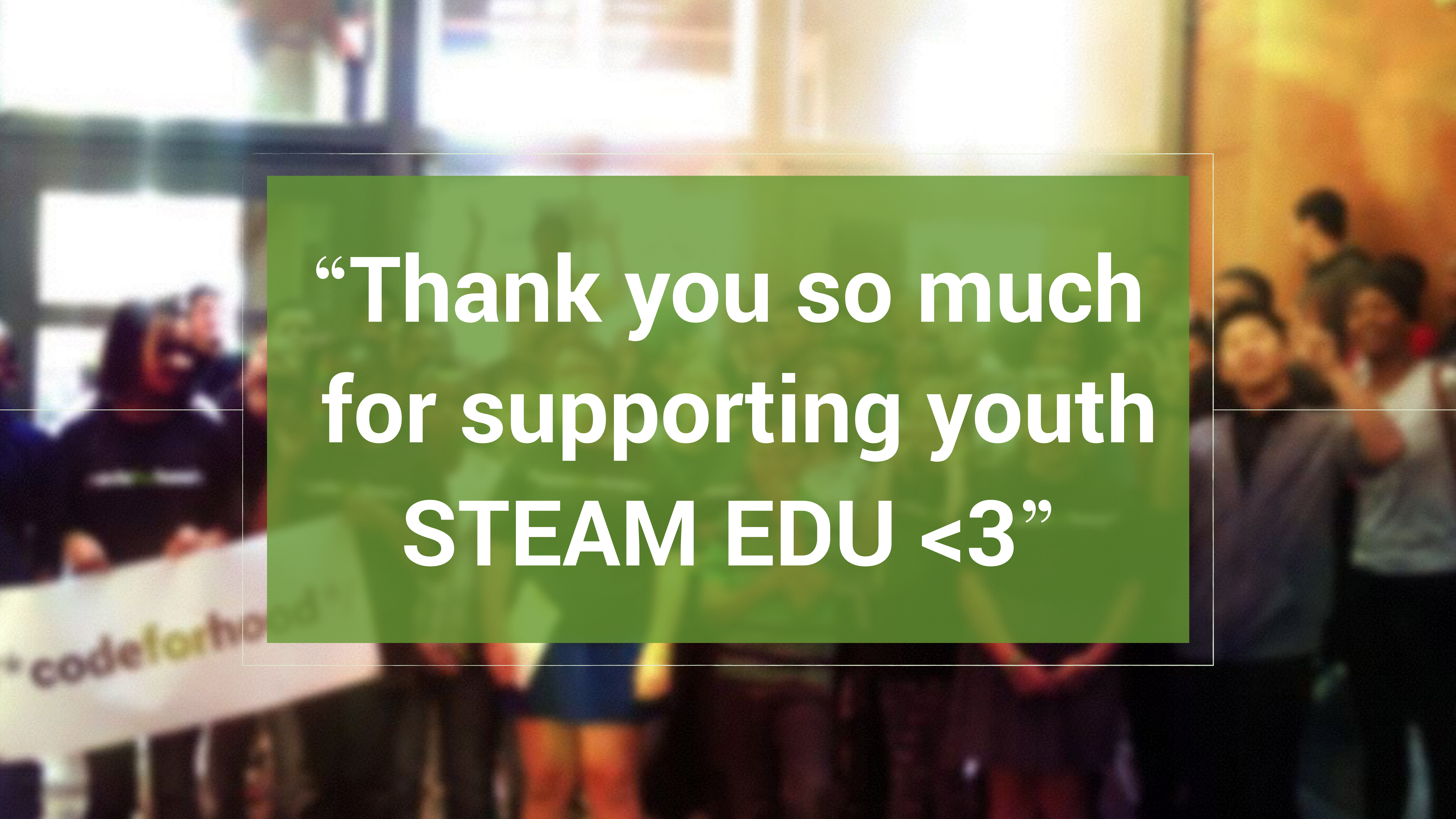


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