Howard University Bison Hacks – 2021 Hackathon

VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

Keyatta Orlena:
Accenture’s relationship with Howard goes back well over two decades, as we have been working with the school to recruit talented students. We are investing in activities that really focus on tech skill development such as, the Hackathon.

Title:
“I decided to attend because of the opportunity to network with other people, to be a part of a team and build a fun and innovative project.” ---2021 Hackathon Participant

Steven Walker:
As a Howard Alumni, I’m in a great position to be able to demonstrate the type of success you can have at Accenture. Accenture’s responsibility, in turn my responsibility, is to provide a path for students to increase skills that can make them successful.

Title:
“I wanted to attend because I enjoy competing with my friends.” ---2021 Hackathon Participant

Dr. Allison Bryant:
The mission of the Bison Hacks Hackathon is to demystify technology. We really wanted to give them the opportunity to think creatively around technology and be able to actually implement those creative thoughts. To think about how technology can be used for entrepreneurial ventures, for startups, or to change the world around them.

2021 Hackathon Participant:
Hey Google, Talk to Community Support.

Google:
OK, getting the test version of Community Support. Welcome to Community Support.

Title:
“I joined the Hackathon to learn and gain knowledge for future projects.” ---2021 Hackathon Participant

Dr. Allison Bryant:
Some of our students come to us with good technical knowledge, but they don't have a really... a solid business idea that they want to work on. Or vice versa, some of our business students come with creative, imaginative ideas and they don't have all the technical know-how that they need to be able to implement. They learn not just good communication skills; they learn project management skills.

Title:
“I’ve participated in the past and it’s always a fun, intense experience.” ---2021 Hackathon Participant

Dr. Allison Bryant:
I really hope the students view this as just the beginning in their journey to creating the world that they want to see. We want to equip them not just with the networks and collaboration tools necessary to work on the onetime project, but we want this to be a lifelong endeavor that just starts at the Hackathon.

Title:
Accenture