



"How is the partnership between ClassGenius and City Year going, Sander?"

A little while ago, I told you all about how I am working with [Katelijn Vleugels](#) again and how she brought ['team Klue' back together to start another adventure](#).

After [Medtronic acquired Klue](#), Katelijn took a little time off and focused on being an advisor to start-ups. Then she started [ClassGenius](#). I joined. So did [Tom Mader](#) and [Brad Bozarth](#).

It has been fun and rewarding so far and I would not have wanted to miss it.

We recently announced that we now have a [partnership in place with City Year Silicon Valley](#). City Year (CY), to me personally, has been a true inspiration in the past few months and I could not be happier seeing the two organizations partner.



ClassGen^{ius}

I was familiar with CY through my friend [Jack Keenan](#), who is on their board, but now that I am closer to it, I am even more inspired by it.

Why?

Well, City Year employs so-called Corps Members. City Year Corps Members are AmeriCorps members who work in schools as tutors, mentors, role models, and leaders of after-school programs. They are assigned to serve on a team at a particular school, where they will work for the duration of their service year. During their service year, they help students earn academic success, improve their attendance, learn social-emotional skills, and develop positive behaviors at school.

Cool, right?

So, last week, our CEO, Katelijn, [Luke Hostetter](#), Sr VP and Exec Director at CY here in Silicon Valley, and myself ran a workshop with the Silicon Valley Corps Members at the Extreme Networks offices here in South San Jose. The goal was to get hands-on with ClassGenius and equip the Corps Members with ClassGenius so that they have yet another tool in their toolbox to assist their students.

It was great!

We started the day with an opening of Luke who talked about how CY will continue to take a human-centric approach while enabling Corps Members with the superpowers of AI & ClassGenius. He emphasized the importance of security, integrity and stressed, once more, all of CY's core values.



Luke Hostetter addressing the Corps Members in San Jose, CA

Katelijan followed and gave an overview of the ClassGenius (a social venture) and briefed the room on the workshop and the collaboration.



Katelijan Vleugels doing what she does best: making the world a better place!

Soon, Corps Members were creating their own assignments with ClassGenius! In groups, and individually, they created personalized assignments for the students that they interact with on a day-to-day basis. **We created instant impact!**



Corps Members being hands-on with ClassGenius!

We had great discussions and interactions, then broke for lunch and we had yet another successful workshop under our belts.



Who doesn't like a good Chipotle catered lunch in good company.

On November 1, City Year Silicon Valley celebrates its 30th anniversary. I am very much looking forward to the gala dinner (and drinks!) at the Levi's Stadium and can't wait to connect with Corps Members like [Omar Habhab](#) who truly made my day and week with the chat we had over lunch. You're a remarkable individual and I was honored to share the time with you.

This brings me to the end of this brief and concise post. Please support City Year.

Get your tickers to the gala here: [30th Anniversary Gala - Campaign \(cityyear.org\)](#). And, even more important: [Donate to 30th Anniversary Gala \(cityyear.org\)](#)

Happy early Anniversary, City Year Silicon Valley! I hope you will raise tons of money for this great cause, great people, and your great mission. And I am looking forward to the next 30 years.

For people that are inspired by this post, City Year is always looking for funds (it is a non-profit). Your donations are very much needed and very well invested!