



## 15 WLCS STUDENTS EARN INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS IN DIGITAL LITERACY, HTML AND PYTHON

Industry certifications are important for employers as they assess the skills a candidate has for a job and give applicants a competitive advantage in the workforce.

Congratulations to the 15 We Lead CS students who received digital literacy certifications, HTML, and Python at the end of the fall semester.

WLCS students said receiving their certifications made them feel more prepared to continue their computer science education.

“With the We Lead CS program & classes, it has become easier than ever to be exposed to these certifications and pass them with great scores,” **Elias Cardoso**, a sophomore from Carroll county, said. “Thanks to the certification, I feel prepared to enter the field as a sophomore. I look forward to seeing where I can go next with this program.”

## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM WLCS!

Welcome to the Spring semester! We Lead CS is starting the semester with more career connection opportunities and advising to prepare students for their plans after high school.

We’re looking forward to another semester of teaching tech classes throughout Kentucky! Thank you for being a part of We Lead CS!

## *Student Spotlight*



**Caleb Crouch**

Junior at  
Rockcastle High  
School

Meet **Caleb Crouch**, a sophomore at **Rockcastle High School**. Caleb is currently focusing on HTML and CSS.

He appreciates the creativity and freedom in coding and approaches the programming and activities in his WLCS class as solving different puzzles.

He plans to pursue a career in programming after he graduates high school.

# Staff Spotlight



## MEET SARAH MANN WE LEAD CS COLLEGE CAREER COUNSELOR

Sarah Mann is a college and career counselor and teacher for WLCS.

Prior to joining WLCS, she worked at Northern Kentucky University for over 20 years in various roles - from Director of Academic Technology for NKU IT and as faculty in the College of Informatics. During her time at NKU, she worked with the Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) to bring K-12 students to campus for various events including hackathons and field trips.

"I really enjoy working with students. It's such a good feeling when you see that light in their eye when they grasp a new concept. I feel very fortunate to work for We Lead CS as we provide opportunities for students from all over Kentucky to learn about computer science and provide them with a pathway to employment."

Outside of work, Sarah and her family spend time at their lake house at Lake Cumberland.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JANUARY 6-31**

Break-out sessions during classes for advising & mock interview preparation

**JANUARY 16**

We Lead CS Spring Kick-Off

**JANUARY 20**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day-  
No School

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