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I first began to experiment with computers when I was in the 9th grade. Opening the command prompts and opening files in notepad exposed me to a lot of lines I did not understand. As I would come to find out they were lines of code and after destroying an older computer by tampering, I had sparked an interest.

Another opportunity to practice coding would not come until Michael Renner-Lewis offered me a spot in his class (Southwest Michigan YouthSpark's, pilot program), at Western Michigan University, Division of Multicultural Affairs, years later. This class covered the basics to coding, starting from what coding was and how it was implemented. Over the next few sessions we were introduced to html and where it is used. From there we took a Microsoft assisted teaching aid that taught us how to code. Mr. Renner-Lewis then gave assignments that utilized the skills learned so far. Each assignment built off of the last by having us create programs that controlled simple sprites then environments. The final assignments were to pass the coding course and get our "I can code" certificate and to create a mobile application. Though I was not able to finish the class with Mr. Renner-Lewis, I do owe him a gratitude for helping me find my major and upon starting classes I was able to implement what I had learned from Mr. Renner-Lewis in my assignments. Today I am completing my first year in my computer science major at Western Michigan University and helping Mr. Renner-Lewis teach his coding class, Coding for Elementary at New Genesis Education Center.