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JOHN CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERS WITH AMAZON FUTURE ENGINEER TO OFFER COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSES STARTING FALL 2019

FORT PIERCE – John Carroll High School is now a proud partner with the Amazon Future Engineer program and will receive funding from Amazon to start offering computer science classes to students this fall. John Carroll is one of more than 1,000 high schools across the country currently signed up for Amazon Future Engineer, a national program aimed at making computer science accessible to all students. With more than 1,000 high schools signed up, Amazon Future Engineer will serve tens of thousands of high school students.

With Amazon Future Engineer's funding, John Carroll will offer Intro to Computer Science and Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science classes via curriculum provider Edhesive. Amazon's funding provides preparatory lessons, tutorials, and professional development for teachers, fully sequenced and paced digital curriculum for students, and live online support every day of the week for both teachers and students. These full-year courses are designed to inspire, prepare and propel students in their pursuit of computer science education. All students participating in this program will receive a free membership to AWS Educate, which provides them with free access to computing power in the AWS Cloud for their coding projects and content to learn about cloud computing.

"We are thrilled to partner with Amazon to offer these courses to our students," said Corey Heroux, principal. "These courses will give our students the opportunity to prepare for college and to build the skillset needed to enter careers in technology and innovation."

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects there will be 1.4 million computer science related jobs available by 2020 with only 400,000 computer science graduates with the skills to apply for those jobs. Computer science is the fastest growing profession within the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) field, but only eight percent of STEM graduates earn a computer science degree.

"We are excited more than 1,000 schools will now provide these courses," said Jeff Wilke, CEO Worldwide Consumer, Amazon. "We look forward to adding 1,000 more schools over the coming months."

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About John Carroll Catholic High School

John Carroll Catholic High School is located in Fort Pierce, Fla., and strives to inspire, foster, develop, and affirm the young people entrusted to its care. It serves its students, alumni, families and the community at large. Rev. Thomas E. Barrett is president and Mrs. Corey Heroux is the principal. For more information about John Carroll High School, please visit johncarrollhigh.com or call 772-462-5200. "Like" John Carroll on Facebook, follow on Twitter @JohnCarrollHS and follow on Instagram @johncarrollhighschool.