

# CodeVA Quarterly

Re-Introducing

# CodeVA

EDUCATE

INNOVATE

ELEVATE

We went to the salon and got a new look!

Our branding is new, but our commitment to computer science education is as strong as ever!

## What's inside:

▶ Lobby Day Update

▶ A Podcast is Born

▶ STEM in YOUR CITY!

MARCH  
2025

## Classy Coders Podcast

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The best way to pick your preferred Podcast platform is through our Linktree!



This February, we launched **Classy Coders**, a podcast designed to connect the world of computer science education with the rapidly evolving tech industry. Each episode brings together educators and industry leaders to explore the skills, challenges, and opportunities shaping the workforce.

Our first episode features a Junior Systems Administrator who shares real-world insights on breaking into the tech field —offering practical advice for students, educators, and career changers alike.

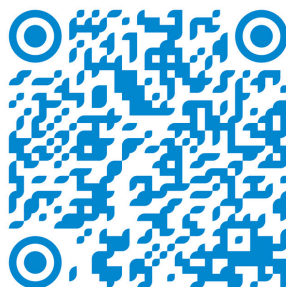
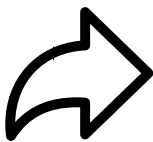
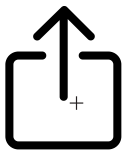
We're excited to grow **Classy Coders** as a valuable resource for aspiring tech professionals, but we can't do it alone. We're seeking sponsors to help us expand our reach and continue these important conversations.

Sponsoring an episode is a unique opportunity to showcase your commitment to equitable computer science education while connecting with a passionate audience of educators, students, and industry professionals.

**Join us in shaping the future of tech education.**

**Contact us today to learn more about sponsorship opportunities!**

## Don't Forget to Subscribe for more!



Sending this newsletter to your friends and colleagues is one of the best ways to improve student access to Computer Science Education!



Check it out!

**255**

hours of professional development delivered in Q2 2024

**50+**

professional development workshops delivered in Q2 2024

**928**

registered participants Q2 2024



## ADVOCACY DAY



This February, we had the privilege of hosting a tremendously successful Computer Science Advocacy Day at the Virginia General Assembly! Our team, alongside passionate advocates and supporters, engaged in meaningful conversations with legislators about the critical role computer science education plays in building Virginia's future workforce.

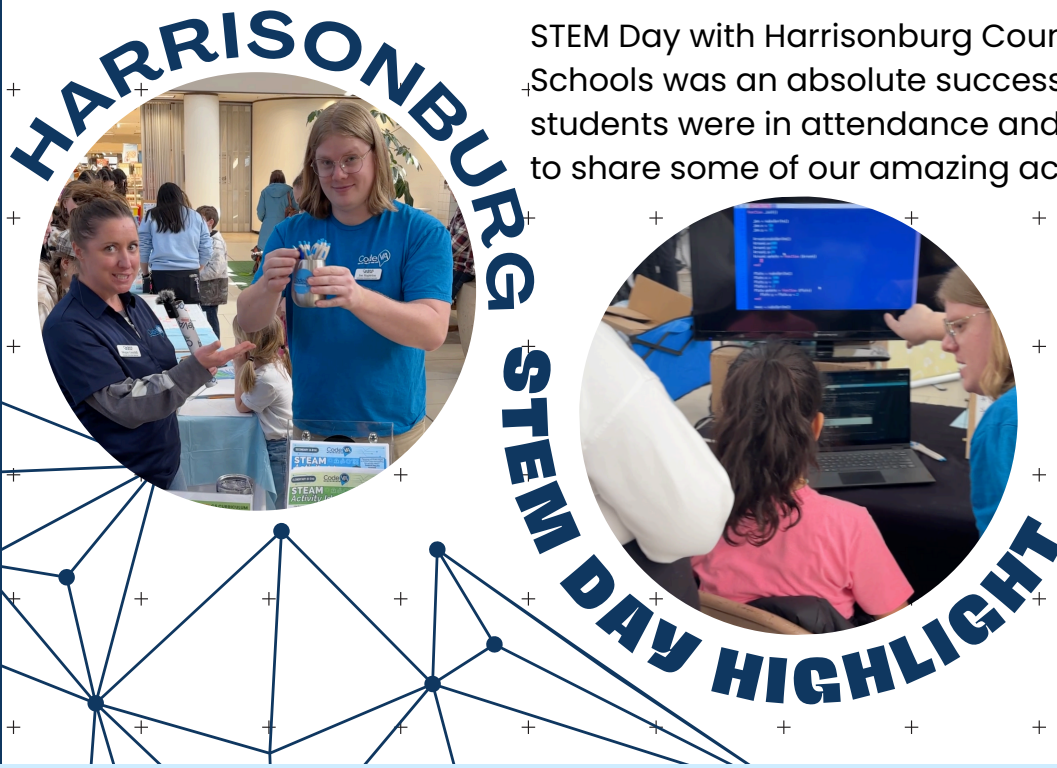
We were proud to showcase our AI Curriculum Pathways Project, which empowers students to design and create their own AI tools, preparing them for success in an increasingly competitive, tech-driven workforce. Legislators were inspired by the vision of equipping all students—not just those in urban areas but also in rural and underserved communities—with the resources and opportunities to thrive.

We also advocated for increased state funding to better support educators across the Commonwealth. By providing training and curriculum resources, particularly to teachers in areas that have historically lacked access, we are ensuring that every student has the chance to succeed in computer science.

Thank you to everyone who joined us, supported us, or cheered us on from afar. Together, we are shaping a brighter, more equitable future for computer science education in Virginia!

CODEVA'S IMPACT

Photos  
Left: Jon Stapleton  
& Megan Graybill  
Right: Jon  
Stapleton and a  
student



STEM Day with Harrisonburg Country Public Schools was an absolute success! Over 400 students were in attendance and we were able to share some of our amazing activities like data

+analysis, SCRATCH, and even Python!

+ Want to talk about hosting a STEM Day in your district?

+ Contact us today! We'd love to work with you!

## THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS



## VTEC STEM KIT COLLAB

+ We're making a STEM NIGHT IN A BOX!!!

+ In collaboration with the Virginia Tribal Education Consortium, we're helping to build a STEM Education KIT! These activities will support all grade levels with computer science education with self-led projects, unplugged activities, and practical coding knowledge baked right in!

+ We're always proud to work with Virginia's native community.

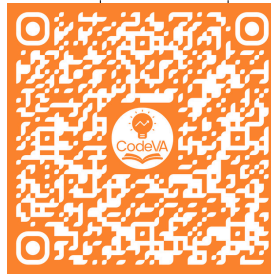


Interested in a STEM Kit for you, your school, district, or private organization? We do that! Let us make you one!

# COMING SOON 2025

## Toss for Tech!

Charity Cornhole Tournament  
<https://hubs.ly/Q03fPbrD0>



April 25<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM

NES Cornhole Lounge  
 2443 Old Brick Road  
 Glen Allen, VA 23060

**Toss for Tech**  
 Charity Cornhole Tournament  
*supporting*  
 Computer Science Education  
 April 25th!

**Sponsorship Package**

	Gold Sponsor \$750	Silver Sponsor \$500	Bronze Sponsor \$300	Concessions Sponsor \$750	Prize Sponsor \$300	Team Sponsor \$100
Brand Recognition Event T-shirt	Logo	Logo	Name	Logo	Name	
Logo on Event Signage	✓			✓		
Logo on Lawn Sign	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition at Event	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Included on Social Media for event	Dedicated Post, All-Sponsor Posts Event Showcase	Dedicated Post All-Sponsor Posts	All-Sponsor Posts	Dedicated Post All-Sponsor Posts Event Showcase	All-Sponsors	Event Showcase with Team

*All Sponsorship Packages include 2 participants, 2 drink tickets and an exclusive event t-shirt*

Sponsor our event! Contact Nichole Wescott for details: [nicholewescott@codevirginia.org](mailto:nicholewescott@codevirginia.org)

## We launched a merch store!

Now your drip can be rizzed up!  
 (are we saying that right?)



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