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ELEVEN FIFTY ACADEMY CELEBRATES JOHN QUALLS' TRANSITION

FISHERS, IN - Eleven Fifty Academy, a nonprofit coding bootcamp, headquartered in Fishers, Indiana, has announced the transition of John Qualls, who served as the Academy's President for 3 years until April of 2018. He will now be leading a for-profit entity, named purpose.ly, that is focused on helping individuals find their passion and purpose. Last summer, Qualls began a self-imposed sabbatical while the Academy's Founder and Chairman Scott Jones assumed the additional role of President, taking over all daily operations on a full-time basis starting in May 2018. John has been available part-time as a close advisor to the Academy during the 8-month transition.

"We are grateful for John's three years of leadership, during which he had successfully honed the best performing fully-immersive software education platform in our state and beyond," says Jones. "The Academy will continue to work closely with John and his new venture, Purpose.ly."

Jones and Qualls are long-time business associates and friends and will continue to work together. Qualls' new adventure is purpose.ly, which he co-founded with Brent Shopp. A for-profit, veteran-owned focused on helping people find their passion and helping companies find passion-driven people.

"My experience with Eleven Fifty Academy has been profoundly positive," says Qualls. "The impact we have had on the lives of our students has been overwhelming and I look forward to the next chapter of working with Eleven Fifty in a new capacity to help facilitate continued growth."

Helping to meet Indiana's increasing demand for software developers, Eleven Fifty Academy finished 2018 strong, increasing its graduate population by 500%, from the first half of 2018 to the back half of 2018. The Academy is expected to grow another 500% in 2019. The recent announcement of the Academy's Apprenticeship Program with the U.S. Dept of Labor places their employer partners in an excellent position for bringing on even more developers.

"We have a 93% graduation rate and an 81% placement rate, with our graduates earning salaries averaging \$51k and up - and many starting above \$70k," adds Jones. "We educate software developers who can earn over \$1M during their first decade in their new career, which speaks to dramatically positive impacts for families and our state. Perhaps most importantly, though, our graduates generally seem very happy with their new-found careers."

Eleven Fifty Academy (EFA) has consistently been named by CourseReport as one of the Best Coding Bootcamps in the nation. The Academy, now in its 5th year, has skilled up hundreds of entry-level developers through their immersive learning experience. Many of the Academy's more seasoned graduates are earning over \$100,000 per year just a few years after graduation.

Eleven Fifty Academy is a nonprofit organization focused upon high quality, immersive software development courses designed to accelerate the learning curve for people of all ages and skill sets. The mission of Eleven Fifty Academy is to build an ecosystem of coding talent that financially benefits the individual, their employer, and their community.

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