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Perkins High School student shares passion for computer science

Perkins Township – Perkins High School freshman Kamryn Ohly is sharing her passion for computer science and coding with our students. Kamryn was selected as one of 60 finalists in the national "Kode with Klossy" computer programming scholarship competition sponsored by Supermodel Karlie Kloss and attended the camp in July 2016. That experience motivated Kamryn to inspire our students to learn the universal language of coding.

According to research Kamryn shared, 71% of new jobs in STEM are in computing, while only 8% of STEM graduates are in Computer Science. One of Kamryn's goals is to prompt students to consider a career in Computer Science to offset the imbalance. She has initiated a Computing Creativity program at Briar Middle School to introduce students to exciting new languages and opportunities in technology.

The program includes:

- Teaching the basics of website design
- Challenging individuals with tasks and difficult labs
- Allowing students to express their creativity and ideas through their own hard-work and thinking

For this year, the group meets one hour per week for 6 sessions. Further plans include first expanding the group to include other members of the community, and ultimately, expanding as a statewide initiative.

We are proud of Kamryn's efforts to introduce our students to possibilities in the STEM field and applaud her work in establishing this forum for learning.

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The Perkins Promise is to empower students to pursue their dreams and achieve success.