Applications are now being accepted for the Museum of Discovery and Science’s two-year high school internship program, App-titude, on Coding, APP Development and Careers in Science.

**Fort Lauderdale, FL, May 23, 2018** – The Museum of Discovery and Science has scheduled information sessions for “App-titude,” a two-year internship for high school juniors. The internship will expose students to careers in engineering and computer science while being introduced to coding and APP development.

Information sessions for students and parents will be held at the Museum of Discovery and Science from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on May 30, 2018, August 9, 2018 and September 12, 2018. Application deadline is October 5, 2018. To request an application or more information, send your contact information to stem@mods.net.

The program provides students the opportunity to earn volunteer service hours, college credit, and a stipend while advancing their knowledge in STEM education. Students learn through an immersion experience at the Museum during the academic year and participate in a three-week, dual-enrollment course in the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Florida Atlantic University. Upon successful completion of FAU’s college level course, students receive three semester hours of college credit. During the second year, interns mentor the incoming students, continue working on APP development and introduce museum visitors to the APPs.

The unique internship was provided with funding to extend the program into its fifth year by United Way of Broward County.

Kathleen Cannon, President and CEO of United Way of Broward County said, “United Way of Broward County is proud to continue to partner with the Museum of Discovery and Science on this innovative internship program. App-titude provides a life-changing educational and motivational experience for these amazing students.”

Bob Swindell, President and CEO of Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance said, “Everyone involved benefits from this program - museum visitors can utilize the new technology that has been created, the interns acquire skills and invaluable experience that benefit our technology sector and our community is inspiring young minds to pursue STEM careers.”

Eligibility requirements for the program include recommendations by a science teacher and the school guidance counselor, a PSAT combined score of 88 in reading and math, a 3.0 unweighted cumulative GPA, and before March 1, 2018, students are to take the ACT, SAT, Accuplacer or P.E.R.T., and achieve all of the minimum scores on any one test.
Museum President and CEO, Joe Cox said, “We are thrilled to have United Way’s continued support as we continue to enhance the Museum of Discovery & Science APP. App-titude students will explore coding, develop our app for Android and Apple, while continuing to further their knowledge of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.”

The Museum’s STEM Center for Education and Career Development is a Museum initiative that seeks to prepare students for success by raising the level of STEM education, instruction and career interest and to create a science literate community by increasing awareness of and engagement in STEM.


ABOUT MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY & SCIENCE MOBILE APP
The Museum’s Mobile App allows visitors to explore 10 exhibit areas in the Museum: Discovery Center, EcoScapes, Go Green, Storm Center, Prehistoric Florida, Otters at Play, Gems and Minerals, To Fly, Powerful You and Gizmo City and includes augmented reality and video experiences. The App also provides useful information about the Museum and AutoNation IMAX Theater including a virtual tour.

The App was created by Broward County high school students as part of APP-titude, the Museum’s two-year internship for high school juniors and seniors. The project was funded by United Way of Broward.

The mobile app is available for both Apple and Android platforms. Download to your phone or tablet from the App Store and Google Play by searching for “Museum of Discovery & Science”.

ABOUT UNITED WAY OF BROWARD COUNTY
United Way of Broward County is a volunteer driven, community-based, non-profit organization servicing Broward County for more than 75 years. United Way of Broward County mission is to focus and unite the entire community to create significant lasting change in the impact areas of Education, Income and Health, the building blocks for a better life, which positively impacts people’s lives. United Way of Broward County is the catalyst for change and convener of partnerships that unite the hearts, minds, and resources within the Broward community. For more information, visit www.UnitedWayBroward.org.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE
The mission of the Museum of Discovery and Science is to provide experiential pathways to lifelong learning in science for children and adults through exhibits, programs and films. Founded in 1976 as The Discovery Center, the nonprofit facility serves approximately 400,000 visitors annually. Major operational support for the Museum is provided through generous support by Leadership Guild members including: JM Family Enterprises, Inc., Jet Blue and Wells Fargo.
The Museum is open seven days a week, 365 days a year; Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The Museum of Discovery and Science is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, visitors should call 954.467.MODS (6637) or visit our web site at www.mods.org

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