Wounded Warriors Discover Career Opportunities in Information Technology

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 18, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Warriors gathered at Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) headquarters in Jacksonville for an informational event presented by Microsoft Software & Systems Academy (MSSA). Warriors learned about career opportunities in the growing technology industry and how their military experience can help them transition into select career pathways.

"Professional development events at Wounded Warrior Project are unique and insightful," said Navy veteran Darrien Thomas. "Not only is the information interesting and useful, but these are established networking opportunities that I would not have obtained otherwise."

MSSA and its educational partner Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offer training in cloud application development; cybersecurity; database and business intelligence administration; and server and cloud administration. Training is offered through classroom and project-based learning modalities. It prepares trainees for long-term, high-paying careers in the technology industry.

"Many transitioning service members and veterans held jobs in the military specific to the military," said Shawn Lewis, MSSA military affairs. "They bring skills such as great work ethic, sense of pride in their work, leadership, adaptability, and more. These skills coupled with the technical training offered by MSSA makes for a well-rounded and engaged employee."

Events like this are just one extension of WWP's comprehensive career counseling program, which helps wounded veterans transition from military life into the civilian workforce with a suite of professional counseling, career building, and job placement assistance.

"Wounded Warrior Project has provided me with resume drafting skills, conducted mock interviews, and even reached out to partner companies during my job search. Wounded Warrior Project is a major reason I have the job I do now," Darrien said.

The MSSA development training program guarantees its graduates an interview for a full-time job at Microsoft or one of its hiring partners with a starting salary of $70,000 per year.

"I found this particular program with Microsoft very interesting, especially given the short program length and high-paying starting salary," Darrien said.

WWP has been serving those who sacrificed for 15 years. To learn more about how the veterans charity is transforming the way America's injured veterans are empowered, employed, and engaged in our communities, visit https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/programs/warriors-to-work.

About Wounded Warrior Project

Since 2003, Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) has been meeting the growing needs of warriors, their families, and caregivers – helping them achieve their highest ambition. Learn more: http://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org/about-us.

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