



Appian Helps University of South Florida Prepare Students for a Low-Code Future

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The Appian platform is helping create new skills and new job opportunities

RESTON, Va., Sept. 27, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Appian (NASDAQ:APPN), a leading [Low-Code](#) and [Business Process Management](#) platform provider, and the University of South Florida (USF) today announced that USF has developed a comprehensive skills training and job placement program that prepares students for careers in the emerging world of low-code application development. The program, led by USF Chief Information Officer Sidney Fernandes, utilizes the Appian platform and Appian Trainers and resources.

"The IT landscape is changing and that means IT job opportunities are changing as well," said Fernandes. "Low-code development technologies and techniques are emerging as a driving force of digital transformation in the corporate world. Our mission at USF is to prepare our students for the future, and that's what this program is designed to help us achieve."

The program, called "Low-Code Skills Workshop," is offered to undergraduate and graduate students, as well as USF employees, at no cost. The workshop provides two weeks of immersion in the technical aspects of low-code platforms and the Agile methodology of low-code development. Training is provided by Appian's Professional Services and Training organization, with the participation of USF IT staff. In the second week of the course, students split into small teams to build new IT applications on the platform. Deans from across the university nominate student candidates, and those candidates are then narrowed to approximately 15 participants per program. To this point, USF has held three workshops.

USF IT has already hired six workshop participants for full-time jobs and the department is currently evaluating graduates from the most recent program for possible positions. One of those new hires is Amanda Ippolito. She worked in the university's human resources department and helped administer the program.

"I'm not a technologist, but I thought it looked interesting so I asked if I could try it," Ippolito said. "Now, all of a sudden, I have a whole new career, which is really exciting."

The university is currently moving forward with plans to make the program a credit-earning course. In addition, the university is looking into offering the workshop through USF Continuing Education for professionals looking to acquire new skills or change careers.

"Corporate IT teams are in a bind," said Michael Beckley, Chief Technology Officer at Appian. "They have a mandate to drive innovation and business growth, but the traditional developer skills available to them are costly and scarce. Low-code approaches change the game, turbo-charging IT with faster platforms and an expanded pool of developers. The USF workshops show that tomorrow's developers can come from anywhere."

USF students or staff interested in the program can find more information by visiting the [USF Continuing Education website](#), emailing CE-Inquiries@usf.edu or calling (813) 974-3255.

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