



YESWECODE CODING CAMP REPORT - 2025

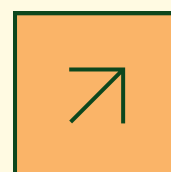
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Dates: July 28 to August 8, 2025

Location: University of Calgary



Acknowledgment of Support



*“Your support gave
our young coders a
space to dream,
learn, and grow.”*

~ Camilia Thieba | Founder & CEO
Hakili Community for Sustainable
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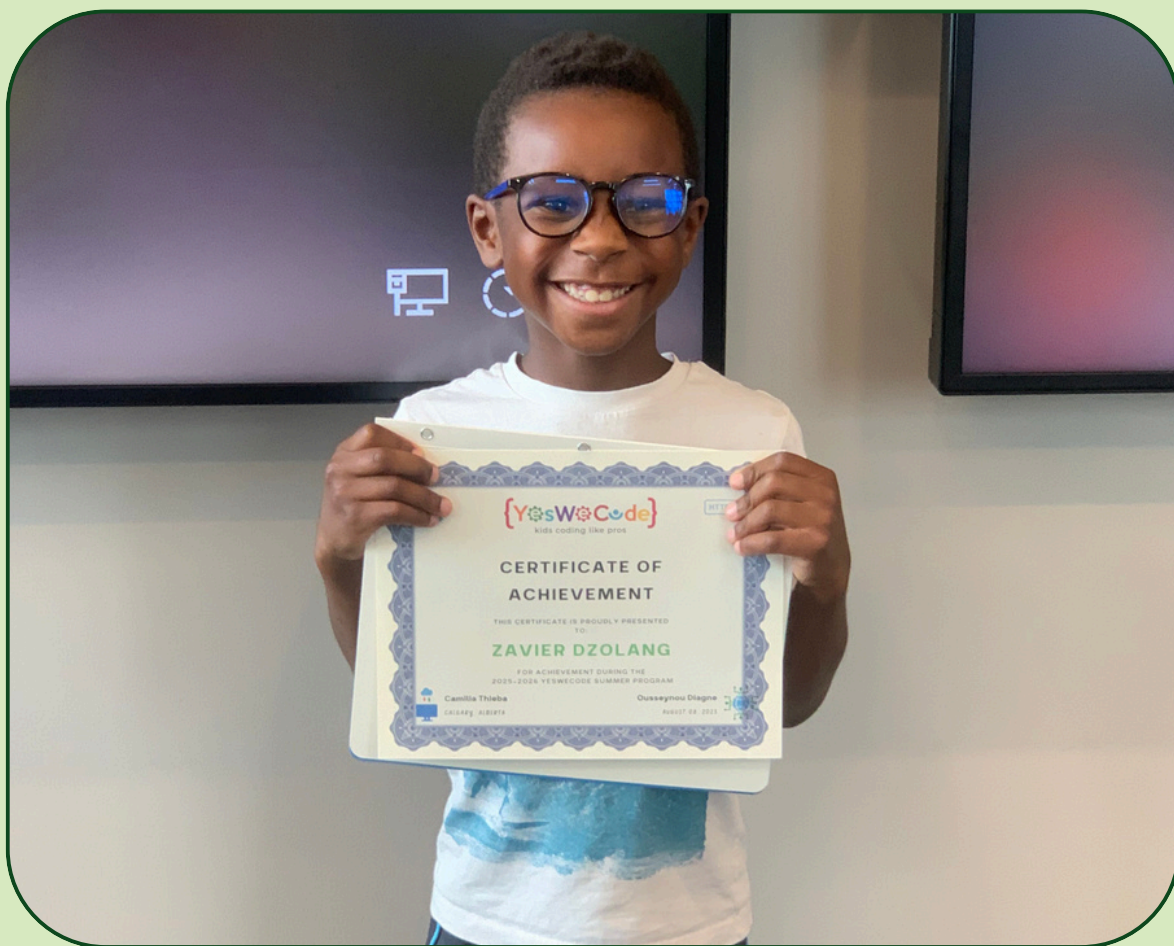
We extend our sincere gratitude to the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary, Calgary Foundation and Government of Canada for their generous support towards the 2025 YesWeCode Code Splash Summer Camp.

This contribution was instrumental in creating a welcoming and productive learning environment for our young coders.

Your partnership helped us deliver a high-quality, inclusive, and community-rooted digital education experience.

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Strategic Context

Hakili Community for Sustainable Development, through its **YesWeCode** initiative, empowers youth with digital skills and fosters innovation. The 2025 camp aligns with our broader mission to promote inclusive education and community development. This year's camp builds on previous successes and expands our reach under the **Computer Science for All** vision.

From 2022 to 2025, YesWeCode grew from 3,000 to over 5,000 coding hours delivered, and from 75 to over 120 certified youth coders. New programs like **Code Carnival**, **Tech Visions Hackathon**, and **Code Splash** were launched, alongside resources such as *A Journey to Coding Wonderland* and *Unlocking Tech Talks*. These efforts reflect our commitment to equity, innovation, and community-driven learning.

Operational Overview

Key	Details
Participants	44 children aged 6–15
Camp Levels	Scratch (22), Web Development (22)
Staffing	9 total (2 instructors, 2 teaching assistants, 4 volunteers, 1 coordinator)
Daily Schedule	• Morning coding classes • Lunch and outdoor activities • Afternoon project work
Meals	Provided for 30 participants
Technology	Computers provided; some students brought their own
Field Trip	TELUS Spark Science Centre
Guest Speaker	Georgette Thieba (Graduation Day)

Operational Success, Challenges, and Opportunities



Successes

- Strong staff and volunteer engagement
 - High participation and enthusiasm from campers
 - Effective use of donated classroom space
 - Positive feedback from families
 - Implementation of a French-level group with bilingual volunteers to address language barriers among children
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Challenges

- Tech issues: inconsistent mics/headphones, login confusion
 - Mixed skill levels in coding groups
 - Long screen time for younger children
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Opportunities

- Pre-organize student accounts and test tech setups
- Split groups by age and skill level
- Introduce mentorship (older kids guiding younger ones)
- Use visual aids and multilingual volunteers
- Implement daily staff debriefs
- Provide visible IDs or T-shirts for volunteers to build parent trust
- Future classroom needs:
 - Classrooms that support hybrid delivery (in-person + virtual)
 - Multiple classrooms to split levels and better manage group sizes



Impact and Future Collaboration

The camp successfully delivered foundational and intermediate coding instruction to 44 youth. With the support of the Faculty of Social Work's facilities, we were able to host engaging sessions, guest speakers, and a field trip.

Looking ahead, we envision deeper collaboration with the University of Calgary through:

- Mentorship programs involving university students
- Joint research on digital literacy and equity
- Expanded access to campus resources for future camps
- Co-hosted events and hackathons
- Opportunities for social work students to engage in community-based tech education
- Support for hybrid learning environments and classroom access to accommodate growing demand



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