Press Release

Oracle Joins the White House in Global Campaign to Empower Girls and Women

*Pledges $3 Million to Educate Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math*

REDWOOD SHORES, Calif. — June 14, 2016 — On the heels of Oracle’s $200 million commitment to support Computer Science (CS) Education for All, today the White House announced Oracle’s additional $3 million investment to immerse girls worldwide in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The company’s commitment of direct and in-kind funding supports “Let Girls Learn,” a U.S. government initiative aimed at helping adolescent girls around the world go to school and stay in school.

“It takes 25 years to build a computer engineer, not 25 hours, so we need to get started,” said Safra Catz, Oracle CEO. “The computer sciences lose too many girls too early and once lost, it’s nearly impossible to get them back. We want more girls focused on building upon science and math fundamentals and we want more women choosing the technical disciplines because they are both prepared to do so and because they believe it will advance their career opportunities.”

Oracle will offer more than 65 educational events and reach over 55,000 young girls globally through a powerful nexus of its corporate social responsibility programs spanning Oracle Academy, Oracle Education Foundation, Oracle Giving and Volunteers, Oracle Women’s Leadership (OWL), and Oracle Diversity and Inclusion. Events will include summer computing camps, codefests, workshops and conferences designed to encourage and inspire adolescent girls to become original thinkers, creative designers and enterprising trailblazers.

Additionally, Oracle plans to expand its CS efforts in Egypt with an additional investment of nearly $1 million in educational resources and services over the next four years. The commitment is part of a new collaboration between the Ministry of Education in Egypt, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Oracle Academy, Oracle’s philanthropic educational program that impacts more than 2.6 million students in 106 countries. The partnership will support computing education in nine newly-created STEM schools throughout the country, including one boarding school exclusively for girls which will accept up the top 10 percent of girls across the governorates, reaching 150 girls each year and providing three years of paid education for each girl.

As part of the company’s global campaign to support girls and women in technology, Oracle will drive several notable projects:

- Oracle Academy will team with Arizona State University and others under the USAID Build-IT project to help women in Vietnam develop into IT leaders. President Obama recently endorsed Oracle’s contribution in furthering this effort.

- Oracle Education Foundation and Oracle Volunteers will team to teach girls coding, electrical engineering and project management through girls-only workshops for Design Tech High School (d.tech), an innovative, free California public high school. Oracle is building d.tech’s new facility at its headquarters in Redwood Shores, Calif., making d.tech the world’s first public high school on a technology campus.
• Oracle Giving and Oracle Academy will award grants and sponsorships globally to nonprofit organizations striving to increase girls’ access to educational opportunities and encourage them to pursue degrees in computer science and STEM fields.
• Oracle Giving will continue its support for MentorNet, which engages STEM professionals in the virtual mentoring of undergraduates, 66% of whom are women.

Supporting Resources
• Take action: Let Girls Learn
• Join Oracle Academy
• Discover Design Tech High School
• Learn more: Oracle Giving, Oracle Volunteers, Oracle Education Foundation, Oracle Women’s Leadership (OWL), and Oracle Diversity and Inclusion
• Read Oracle’s latest Corporate Citizenship Report
• Follow @Oracle, @OracleAcademy, @ORCLCitizenship, @OracleWomenLead #LetGirlsLearn #CSforall #StateofWomen

About Oracle Academy
As Oracle’s flagship philanthropic educational program, Oracle Academy advances computer science education globally to drive knowledge, innovation, skills development, and diversity in technology fields. To this end, Oracle Academy offers students and educational institutions a free and complete portfolio of software, curriculum, hosted technology, faculty trainings, support, and certification resources. The program works with public and private partners to provide the tools educators need to engage, inspire and prepare students to become innovators and leaders of the future. Through Oracle Academy, students receive hands-on experience with the latest technologies, helping make them college and career ready in the era of big data, cloud computing, the Internet of Things, and beyond.

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